The first Epistle of H. N.

A Crying-voyce of the holye Spirit of Loue / wherwith all People; eauen out of meere Grace; are called and intrelie-bidden, through H. N. / to the true Repentaunce for their Synnes: to the Entraunce of the vprighe christian Life: and to the Howse of the Loue of Jesu Christ.

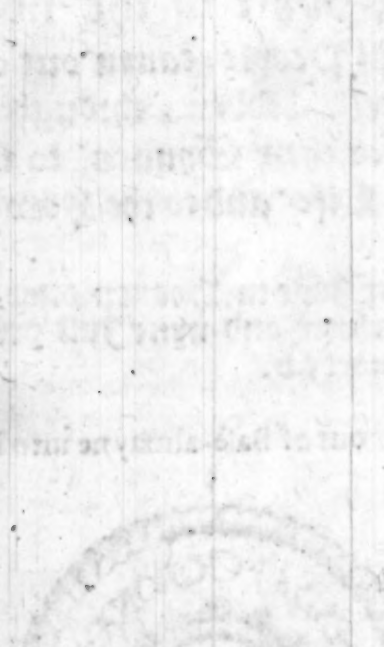
Ther shalbe more Joye in Heauen ouer one Synner that repenteth, then ouer nyntie-and-nyne Just-persons which needs no Repentaunce. Luk.15.b.

Translated out of Base-almayne into English.

O! how louelie are the Feete of the Messenger, which publisheth Peace / preacheth the Good / and witnesseth or declareth-fourth the Saluation. Esa.25.a. Rom.10.b.

Beholde, I will sende myne Aungell or Messenger / which shall prepare the Waye or make-plaine the Path, before Mee. Mala. 3.a.4.a. Math.11.17. Mark.1. Luk.7.

To-daye if yee heare his Voyce / harden not youre Heartes / that yee bide not without the Rest of the People of God. Psal.95.a. Heb.3.4.a.



The Preface of H. N.,

wherwith Hee, in lamentable-maner, bewayleth the Misvnderstanding or Good-thinking of manye Men.

OH! what is-ther more lamentable in this last perrelous tyme, then the Mis-vnderstanding, that hath so captiued almost all Men, that they cannot insee, perceaue nor marke, the Errour and the deceitfull Good-thinking wherwithall they are heald-captiue: and that the crying or callinge Voyce of the Preaching of the true Repentaunce touchinge the first Entraunce to the true christian Life in the Spirit, becometh a so little taken-to-heart or entred-in a-right. a Ier. 5. e. 8

2. Oh! how manytymes haue wee, in this last perrelous tyme, called and louingly-bidden, with diuers and sondrye Callinges, all Men, to their Preseruation in the Godlynes, vnto the Repentaunce for their Sinnes, and vnto the first Entraunce of the true christian Life in the Spirit: and witnessed the vpright Declaration and Distinctfourme vnto thē, how they should according to the Trueth, with Vs, Elders and Ministers of the Woord in the Famely of Loue, rightlie begin or enter-in-to, according to the Requirunge of the true b Preaching of John, the true Christian Life in the Spirit. and how they should than eauenso, according to the Requiring of the true Doctrine or Preaching c of the Apostles of Christ, rightlie accomplish, eauen to Perfection, thesame Christian-life in the Spirit, and how little becom wee rightlie vnderstanded and followed ther-in.
b Mat. 3. a
Mark. 1. a.
Luk. 3. a.
c Act. 2. d. 3. b
2. Cor. 3. b. 4. f
Ephe. 4. b
Phil. 3

3. But wee are for the most-part, in our Doctrine of the first Entraunce to the true christian Life, although notwithstandinge thesame is the true Foundation of the former apostolicall Doctrine of the true christian Life, very-much contemned and resisted: and also iudged vnrightlie by certen, as-though wee did setfourth and maintaine, the first Forgoing or the Begining of the christian Life,

d Gal.3.a 5.a d as a fulfillinge of theſame / and that in the Fleaſh or Outward.

4. Which ignorant miſunderſtäding / and Contemning of the vpright chriſtian Doctrine / and of her firſt Schoole-rule, wee doo greatly lament / and are very ſorowfull for

e Act.7.f theſame: And, prayinge e to the Lorde for our Contemners, that it will pleaſe him to turne them to Repëtaunce and to forgeeue them their Tranſgreſſinge, wee humblie

f Eccle.3.a bide-lookinge for the Tyme f that ſhall comfort vs: For although our Cauſe be, for a ſeaſon, oppreſſed or diſpiſed / yet ſhall notwithſtanding the Juſt or vpright Underſtandingons, praiſe and commend our godlye Wiſedom, which the Lorde hath gratiouſlie geeuen vnto Us.

5. For that cauſe, O all yee People, which heare Todaye the Voyce of thiſſame proffered Grace of the Lorde / and contemne theſame: and reſiſt Us in the Miniſtration of the gratious Woorde and of the Requiring of his good Orders or Exerciſes; Looke now to-it, that That com not vpon you which is ſpoken-of in the Propheates: Be-

g Abac.1.a Act.13.e holde / yee Diſpyſers g / and wonder therat / and periſh or be confounded. For I doo a Woorke in your tyme / which yee ſhall not beleeue, although anyone ſhould tell it you.

6. But all yee that loue the Trueth and vpright Righteouſnes with Us, geeue not place to the Diſpiſing and Reſiſting of the Declyners, which refuſe to be obedient vnto the Trueth / for to followe them in their Declyninge or Tourning-away: but exerciſe you alwayes in our moſt-holie Seruice of the Loue: and indeuour you firſt-of-all

h Heb.5.b 6.a i Phil.4.a Fig.9. 3 Gla.30. 4.Gla.per totum. hereto / namelie, to accompliſh h the Beginninge of the true chriſtian Life / and to obſerue, accoirding to the Requiring of the Woorde and Seruice of Loue, all vpright and reſonable i Exerciſes / to an Incorporatinge to the ſyncere Righteouſnes: And, going-fourth humbly and obedientlie

k Rom.8.a 10 1.Tim.1.a l Mat.24.d 25 Luk.17.c Act.1.b m 1.Cor.13.b 2.Cor.3.b ther-in, yee ſhall attaine vnto the true k Fulfilling or Perfection of the chriſtian Life in the Spirit, l in the Cominge of the Glorious-appeering m of the vncouered Face of God and Chriſt.

7. Take it to heart / and haue a right regarde to the gratious Callinge, which cometh-to-paſſe now To-daye, through the holie Spirit / and what theſame requireth.

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The first Chapiter.

THis is the Cry A
ing or Voyce, which com
eth-to-passe now presentlie in
thissame Daye, through the ho-
lye Spirit of the Loue of Jesu
Christ. and becometh heard: and wherwith all People,
are called and frindlie-bidden ε through H. N.; to the
Repentaunce for their Synnes/and to the Howse of
the Loue of Jesu Christ: the Rest a of all the Sainctes
or Children of God ζ/(Not alone with this Calling/
but also with all the Scriptures/heauenlye Testimo-
nyes/ and spirituall Voyces of the eternall Trueth/
which are gon-fourth from the holie Spirit of Loue/
and brought-to-light through H. N.) like as the Holy-
gost hath spoken b therof. and warned all People/that
they should not in any-case/in thissame present Daye
ε when they heare c his Voyce; hardē their hart [name-
lie/ that they shoulde d not refuse nor resist thesame
proffered Grace but humblie ēdeuour them thervnto]
to thend that they mought enter-in to the godlie Rest,
c which is reserued for the People of God; til-vnto this
same Daye of the Loue; for to rest them ther-in.

a Esa. 32. c
Heb. 3. b. 4. c

b Psal. 94. b
Hebr. 4. b
c Psal. 94. b
Heb. 3. b 4. b
d 2. Cor. 6. a
Heb. 12. b
c Heb. 3. b 4. b

2. The Most-highest hath also, after so long a tyme,
that Hee had promised the f Rest to the People of God;
yeat once-more appointed a Day/ in which/ ζ the

f Heb. 3. b 4 b

g Act 17 g

vniuersall Compasse-of-the-earth should becom iudged with Righteousnes.

B 3. Therfore, as the Holy-goste sayth; If yee Todaye shall heare [h] his Voyce [that is: when now the tyme is fulfilled, that the Daye of Loue, which the Most-highest hath appoynted, to a Reast for the People of God; reuealeth or declareth-fourth itself/ then shall yee heare, that yee, O all [i] yee People; are called and bidden to the same Grace and Mercye] so harden not than your Heartes.

4. Let euery-one take Good-heede [k] to this same gracious Tyme/ To thend that hee may liue/ and rest hym in this Day, from his [l] Woorkes/ Trauell/ and Labour.

5. Whilst then that ther is yeat a Rest [m] at-hande for the People of God/ which becometh made-manifest and inherited in the Howse of Loue: and that without The same or without his Seruice, ther is nothing-els but all [n] Goodthinking/ Tedious-trauel/ [o] Labour/ and Miserye/ Therfore doth not the holie Spirit of Loue, through his Ministser H. N.; ceasse or leaue-of in this Daye, to call and bidde euery-one to that sãe Howse of Loue, [p] full of all louelie Beeing/ and to hys safe-making Seruice, to the Preseruation of them all in the Godlynes. And to warne euerye one, of the calamitie [q] and miserie/ and of the Plages of the Good-thinking/ which shall fall vpon euerye one that bideth ther-with-out/ or that will not suffer himself to be lead-in therto, through the Seruice of the same Howse/ To thend that they all mought now, in the Seruice of the Loue/ and in the obedience of his Requiring, doo vpright [r] Repentaunce for their Synnes/ and so enter-in to the Rest of the Lorde.

6. Therfore calleth the holie Spirit of Loue, through his Ministser H. N./ and saith:

The

h Psal. 94.b Heb. 4.c

i Sep. 12.b

k 2. Cor. 6.a Heb. 12.b

l Heb. 4.c Apo. 14.b

m Heb. 3.b 4

n Deut. 12.a

o Esa. 59.a

p Psal. 16.b 84 Eccli. 24.c

q Esa. 13.a .47

r Mat. 3 Luk. 3

The II. Chap.

BEare-sorrowe for your [a] Sinnes/ and bring fourth vpright Fruites [b] of Repentaunce/the great Daye [c] of the Lorde is com hard-at-hand/and will presently arpeere or shewe-fourth itself: to a righteous [d] Judgment of God; ouer the whole Face-of-the-earth. A

2. Let euerynone turne him now awaye from the wicked World/and from the abhomination of [e] her desolation/and make his Repaire hether, to the [f] Hill of the Loue: wheron the Lordes Howse is buylded; and take his Refuge therunder / To thende that hee may becom preserued in thissame Daye of the righteous Judgment of God.

3. Yea/turne you be-tymes hether, [g] to the Howse of the Loue of Jesu Christ / and to his Seruice: beare-sorrowe rightlie for your [h] Sinnes / and shewe-fourth vpright Repentaunce or [i] Amendement for thesame: O yee estrayed People; er-euer the Day [k] of the Lord fall vpon you, to the Recompencing of your Iniquitie.

a Ezech. 18. 33
b Ioel. 2. Mat. 3. a Luk. 3. b.
c Esa. 13. a b Ioel. 2. a c Abd. 1. e. Mat. 25.
d Ier. 46. e Ioel. 2. g Soph. 1. b 2. a e Dan. 9. c Mat. 24. b
f Esa. 2. a Mich. 4. a
g Gal. 6. c
h Mat. 3. a Luk. 3. b 13. a Act. 2. d 3. b
k Sopho. 1. a

4. COme now all hether, wheare the heauenlie Day-light the Sunne [l] of Righteousnes shyneth/ and wheare the Waters [m] of Life flowe-fourth, out of the Fountaine of the liuing Godhead/ to the Purging of your Sinnes. B.

l Sap. 5. a Esa. 60. d
m Ezech. 36 Apo. 22. d

5. Let euerynone leaue now his owne Woord/Doctrine/and takēon Knowledg/and also the Woord/the Doctrine/and Knowledg of all vnsent [n] Preachers and Good-thinking-wyse/ wher-through yee are seduced/and estraunged from the true Fruites of Repentaunce/and from the true Sanctification of your Spirit and Minde: and com now all to thissame [o]

n Ier. 27. c 37. e Ezech. 13
o Iere. 2. f 29. b

p Esa.2.a Sanctuarye of God/ wherout the Lordes liuinge Woorde becometh witnesſed · the true Repentaunce for the Synne made-knowen · and the vpright Righteouſnes q and Holynes of Jesu Christ, taught and expreſſed: for therthrough becom yee rightlye brought to the vpright Appeasing of your Consciences / to the Healch r of your Soules / and to the Sanctification or Renewing s of your Spirit and Minde.

q Ephe.4

r Mat.11.e
s Ephe.4.c

t Esa.2.a
v Ezech.6 C 6. For-that-cause com now all to this Hill t or Howse of Loue: and purge/amend/v or hallowe your Beeing ; vnder the Obedience of the Loue of Jesu Christ; in the out-flowing Waters of thesame / To thende that your Sinnes may becom x washed-away · and yee eauenso, lead-in to the Rest y of all the Children of God and Holyons of Jesu Christ.

x Act.3.e
y Heb.3.b4.

z Ephe.4.a 7. COme also now all, which ; through your z ignorant Knowledg or Misonderstanding; haue withdrawen your selues from thissame Stoole a of Grace and louelie Howse of the Loue of Jesu Christ /and from our Communialtie · taken-occaſion-of-offence at our b Littlenes or Simplenes / and at the godlie Testimonies of our Sayinges · and eauenso made-vpp your selues; as Resisters; against Vs and our good Doctrine/and Exercises or Orders · seperated your selues from vs · and growen to becom bitter-minded or displeased toward Vs/together with all yee that haue mistrusted Vs · also c not beleeued the holie Woord of the eternall Trueth, which wee ; through Gods Grace; administer vnder the Obedience of the Loue · but doubted therof: and so for-that-cause ; thorough som peruerse Surmisinges ouer Thesame or ouer Vs; refused the proffered d Grace/or helde-back yourselues therfrom: and repent you e of your Sinnes, to your Sanctification / and to the Health of your Soules.

a Heb.5.a

b 2.Cor.3

e Iohn.8.e 10
a.Tess.2.b

d Pro.1.c d
e Ezech.18
Mat.3.a
Luk.3.b

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8. COme also all yee, which; through any Self- D
wisdom, [f] Goodthinking or Imaginatiō of f Ier. 7
the Knowledg; haue [g] had no regarde to thissame grati- g Pro. 18. a
ous and godlie Seruice of the Loue and to his Re-
quiring: and also all yee, which haue hearde or read the
Testimonies of the holy Spirit of Loue, and yet shew-
ed no vpright Obedience: together with all yee, which
haue transgressed in any inordinate Dealing [h] or h Rom. 1.
false Freedom, or in hearing and beleeuing of any vn-
sent [i] Preachers: and are eauenso addicted or clea- i Ier. 27. c 32
uinge to your owne [k] Counsell; or to the Counsell of k Iere. 7. 32
such as stand not submitted to the Howse of the Loue
of Jesu Christ, nor to his Seruice and Requiringe,
but are meere Straungers therunto; or- els; through
Negligence and Little-regarding [l] of the Requiring l Mat. 22. a
of the Seruice of Loue; are becom vaynly-minded,
with the peruerse World, and with the vayne [m] or false m Rom. 1. 8
Praters, through the Imagination of the Knowledg 1. Cor. 1.
[?] the false Light [?]: com now and [n] humble you, and let n Eccli. 7. b
the Vnderstāding of you all, becom renewed and
brought-to-right; to an obtayninge of a good Know-
ledg of Jesu Christ and his Godlynes; vnder the O-
bedience of the Loue: and euenso, vnder thesame [o] o 1. Pet. 1. b c d
Obedience, purge your Heartes from all [p] vngodly p Ezech. 36. c d
Beeing and wicked Thoughtes.
9. Com now all hether, and neglect not [q] your tyme: q Gal. 6
For see, To-daye, the Grace of the Loue of Jesu Ephe. 5. d
Christ, becometh proffered a-new vnto you all [r] and the Apo. 2. 4
Hand geeuen-fourth to assist you seruiceablie with
thesame, to a peaceable Reconsiliation with eachother
in Jesu Christ, [r] for that yee mought eauenso obtaine r Ephe. 4. a
the Vnitie of the Heart with Vs in all Loue. Col. 3. b
10. Yea, eauen yeat To-day (er-euer the Punish- s Pro. 1
ment [s] of the last Judgment passe-fourth against all Mat. 23. c 25. d
Vngodlie, to their Condemnation in the Fyre of Hell)
yee are all [t] called and bidden; out of meere Grace and t Ephe. 1. 2

heartie Loue; to the Comunialtie of Holyons / which haue their communion with Christ, in the Howse of the Loue of Jesu Christ. and that altogether, to the Preseruation of you all in the Godlynes.

The III. Chap.

A COme now likewise all yee People: Rulours, and Comunaltie, Noble, and Vnnoble, Ritch, and Poore, Wyse, and Simple, together with all [a] Men-synners and Womē-sinners: Turne you about be-tymes, to [b] the Mercy-seate, er-euer that yee [c] through the false Light; becom wholly and altogether swallowed-vpp, by the wicked World, or with seducing Woordes of Glorious-talk: and cleene ouerwhelmed by the [c] Wrath of God, [d] to an vtter Bannishment.

a Mat. 9.b
b Heb. 4.d
Iohn. 3.d.
c Eccli. 5.b
Rom. 2.b
d Mal. 4.a

2. COm now all hether, and confesse [e] your Sinnes: and make-knowen [f] vncoueredlye, the Inwardnes of your Heartes: and bringfourth eauenso the vprighte Frutes of Repētaunce, and let yourselues bee washed with the [h] pure and safe-makinge Water of the Loue, in the Font of [i] Humiliation. To thend that yee may becom iustified or purged from all your Synnes, and receaued [k] to Fellowe-members of the Bodye of Christ; into the holye [l] Communialtie of the Loue. as also bide-stading in the holie [m] Garnishing, when-as now in thissame Day, the wicked World becometh iudged, with the Lordes mightie Hand: and not perish with The same.

e Ecclī. 5.b
Rom. 2.b
f Pro. 18.b
g Mat 3.1
Luc. 3.b
h Ezec. 36.c
Heb. 10.d
i Sap. 3.a
Eccli. 2.a
k Rom. 12.b
l 1. Iohn. 1.a
m Psal. 45
Mat. 23.24

B 3. Which wicked World, is reserued or kept-in-store [n] till vnto thissame Day of the Loue; to the [n] Fire of Hell, For to be condēned: in the self-same Day of the Loue, for euermore: to her eternall Cursing and [o] Judgment of the Fyers Cruel-vehementie, together with

n 2. Pet. 3.b
o 2. Pet. 3.b

with all them that ayde and mayntaine the wicked World/also are adioyned to thesame/and haue not willed to turne them to Repentaunce.

4. Verelie/in thesame Day/when as now all Vngodly and all Selfwise/with all vnrepētant-persons/ and false Heartes of the Scripture-learned: which in the presumpteousnes of their owne Minde/haue falslie bosted them to [p] be Christiās inheritt with much smart and greef/in the Vehement-crueltie of the [q] Fyre of Hell; the[r] terrible Condemnation/ Then shall the People of God [namely/the whole Communialtie of the Loue of Jesu Christ/and they all, which haue in repentaunce for their Synnes; tourned them to the same Cōmunialtie or Famelie of Loue] [s] reioyce them in all Loue.and obtaine a perpetuall [t] Rest, in the eternall Life/according to the Promises of God the Father and his Christ.

p Mat.24
q Mat.25
r Esa.13.a Rom.2.b
s Esa.32.c 64.a
t Esa. 32.c Heb.4.d

5. FOr-that-cause: O all yee People vpon the Earth; take-heede to this my Voyce or Calyng/this proffered [v] Grace/and my Admonition/yee all: saith the holie Spirit of Loue; which will now in this last Day/bide preserued/and becom saued.

v Pro.1 Esa.49.c

6. For/after the Daye of Loue (seeing that Thesame is the last or newest Day/wherin the vniuersall [x] Compasse-of-the-earth shall becom iudged with Righteousnes) ther shall no [y] Day of Grace/appeere anymore vpon the Earth.but a seuere [z] or sharp Judgment ouer all Vngodlie/eauen as ther is saide.

x Act.17.d
y Apo.10.a
z Heb.10.c

Take it to heart.

DYee Men of Israell/and yee Seears in Juda/which beare-sorrowe [a]/ and are greeued-in-heart/for that Jerusalem is trodden-vnder-foote/that the Temple of the Lorde, and his Sanctuarye [b] lyeth-waste/

a Lamen.1.2.3 Dan.8.b 4.Esd.10.c
b 1.Macha.1.b

and

and that the Vncircumcised, haue so vtterlie prophanated or vnhallowed the Holye of the Sanctuarye of God, caused the daylie Offering to ceasse, or abollished thesame, and sett-vpp the Abhomination of Desolation ther-in, sygh and pray presentlie with mee to the Lorde, that Hee will haue-mercye on his Sanctuarye, and hallowe and restore the same againe, for his holye Names sake.

2. Proclayme now a Wayling-crye or Mourning among all People, and, with a lamentable Complaint ouer Gods Sanctuarye, geeue the Vncircumcised to vnderstand or to consider, the Abhomination of Desolations which they haue brought-in and erected, and how that they also themselues are fallen therin, and growē to a confused-disorderlynes therwith: and let them eauenso beholde, their Estraunginge from the true God-seruice or Religion of Israell, from the godlie Testamentes of the holie Fathers, and from the peaceable Kingdom of the true Messias. To thēd that they now may all beare-sorrowe and repent thē, for their Synnes: and that eauenso, in the Repentaunce for the Sinne, the Destruction, which hath made vpp itself ouer the whole Earth, to the Destroying of Men, mought becom brought-downe vnder the Loue, through her gratious Seruice. And that wee mought all eauenso, one-with-an-other (Rulours and Comunalty) liue concordablie and at-peace, in all Loue, escape the Punnishment of the righteous Judgment of God, and so becom saued.

3. Forthatcause, com now all hether to the Loue and her Seruice, O yee vncircumcised and confused or disorderlie People: Consider now in thissame Day, that yee all are strayed from the true Waye of Life and estraunged from the godlie Vnderstanding: and weepe or lament ouer your contrarye Wayes, wherin

yo:

c Ezech.44.a
d Dan.8.b11 12.c
e Mat.24.b
f Ioel.1.b2.b Intr.8
g Eze.22.c23. d 28.b
h Eze.18.c33 Mat.3.a Luk.3.a
i Esa.13.a34.a
k Luk.21.d
l Sap.5.a

nee walke. And if nee humble nou, to the Stoole-of-grace whervnto nee are called/and turne nou about to the Innocent Childhod/and bring-fourth vpright Fruites of Repentaunce: and so forsake nour ignorãt Knowledg or Good-thinking/ Then shall nee liue/ and haue nour Fourth-going, in the Way of Vnderstandinge/and inherit the Peace.

4. Com now all, of loues-part; hether/ and goe with Mee [o] into the Howse-of-mourning/ namelye/ into the lowlye Humiliation, where the [p] Poore in Spirit/the Littleons or Singleminded/and the Contrite of Heart, are; eauen-theare I will let nou see, [q] how poore and miserable that nee are. and which are the most-pretious [r] Treasures and Riches that nee lacke: and that nee cannot also by ann-meanes inherit thosesame, without the Obedience of the Requiring of the Seruice of Loue.

5. COme now hether to the Loue and her Seruice, nee [s] hungrye and thirstie Soules after the Righteousnes. together with all nee that loue the Peace: com/ and eate [t] of the Bread that becometh geeuen out of the Loue/ and drinke of the Water that floweth from her Bodye.

6. Com also hether, all nee People and mann-maner [v] Nations of Languages or Speaches: Also all nee, that loue Religion: Com/nee are all loutinglie-bidden to the [x] Vnitie of the Heart in the Loue/ and to the glorious Maiestie of the liuinge Godhead.

7. COme also now heither, all nee [y] Men-syñers and Women-synners/ in how mann Syñes or Wickednesses so-euer nee haue walked and liued: com/and turne nou [z] from all nour Abhominations or Iniquities: and shew-fourth vpright [a] Confessing of nour Synnes/and vpright [b] Repentaunce for thesame/er-euer the [c] Wrath of the Lord com vpõ nou.

m Mat. 18. a
n Eze. 18. d 33
Mat. 3. a
Luk. 3. a
o Eccle. 7. a
p Esa. 57. b 66
Mat. 5. a
q Apo. 3. c
r Esa. 33. a
Col. 2. a
s Esa. 55 a
Mat. 5
t Pro. 9. a
v 2. Gla. 15
x Ephe. 5. a
y Mar. 9. b
z Eze 14. a
a Eccli. 4 d
b Mat. 3. a
Act. 3. c
c Eccli. 5. b
Rom. 2. b

8. Com

d Heb. 5. a

8. Com I say all hether to the [d] Mercy-seate of the Loue / and obtaine the Forgeeuenes of Synnes, in the Light and Life of the Trueth.

9. Beare now Gods true Couenaunt of the Circumcision in your Fleash / and lay-away the [e] Foreskynne from your Heartes: and com-in eauenso to Gods [f] Sanctuarye.

e Deut. 10
Iere. 4
f Ezer. 31. d
Ezech. 37. c
g Apo. 3. d

10. ANnoynt now your Eyes, [g] with the Eye-salue of the holy Spirit of Loue / and obtaine now all a cleere Sight / and a good [h] Conscience in Jesu Christ, through the Loue / for ther-in, the true [i] Renewing of the Life standeth grounded.

h 1. Tim. 3. b
1. Pet. 3. c
i Ephe. 1. b 4. c

11. Let your-selues now, in all your Beeing / Nature / Mind / and Disposition becom renewed / through the Loue, in her Seruice: and geeue all your Vnderstanding [k] captiue, vnder the Obedience of the Loue / and humble your-selues eauenso vnder her Seruice / To thend that yee all may becom washed in the Loue, with the [l] pure Water of the Loue. For / to becom washed in the Loue with her pure Water, is the vpright Wasshing [m] / and the true Font of the Regeneration or New-birth.

k 2. Cor. 10. a
l Ezech. 36. d
Heb. 10. c
m Iohn. 3. a
Ephe. 5. c
Tit. 3. b

12. Therfore, becom now all washed and purged with the [n] out-flowing Waters of the vpright Beeing or Nature of the Loue / [o] To thend that your Siñes may becom put-out: and that yee may eauenso [p] lyue and walke in all Loue: and buylde you eauenso [q] on one-an-other, to One holye Howse of the Loue / and to One louelie Communyaltie of Peace / wherof the Loue of Jesu Christ, is the Head.

n Esa. 32. a
Iohn. 4. b
Apo. 22. b
o Act. 2. d 3. c
p Tit. 3
q Ephe. 2. c
1. Pet. 2

13. And eauenso in all thissame, vnder the Obedience of the Loue / yee shall not retayne or beare-in-minde one-an-others [r] Offences. but lay-downe all thesame vnder the Loue / and be reconciled one with another in the Loue; and eauenso [s] forgeeue each-other-

r Mat. 18
s Ephe. 4. d
Col. 3. b

ther le-all, through the Loue, and [t] suffer or beare-pacience with the Infirme or Weake. t Rom.15.a Gal.6.a Ephe.4.a 1.Tes.5.b

14. For that cause reiect not or deface not one-another: but healp-vpp each-other, in the Loue. For euēso or in such-amaner of Dealing or Vsaige, the Loue is [v] her Bodyes Sauiour. And whoso cleaueth in such sort to the Loue, the same becometh also one Bodye [x] with the Loue: And eauenso becom [y] many Members One Body in Jesu Christ, through the Loue. And that is the true [z] Blessing and Peace, which is promysed in Christ, vpon the Earth. v Ephe.5.c x Iohn.17.c y Rom.12.a 1.Cor.12.c z Gen.12.

15. AND therfore, to thend that yee now may inherit thissame true Blessinge and Peace of Christ, according to the Promises, so com now all hether to the Loue and her Seruice: and [a] repent, and conuert you, To thend that your Synnes may becom washed awaye. a 24.Gla.18 Act.3.c

16. Lay-away from you, concerning the former Walking, the [b] Olde Man, which, through the Lustes of Errour, doth nothing but destroy. becom renewed in the Spirit of your Mynde, and pluck-on the new Man, which is created like vnto God, in vpright Righteousnes and Holynes. b Ephe.4.c

17. COme now all hether to the true Godseruice [c] of the Loue: and accomplish, vnder the Obedience of the Loue, your God-seruice or Offering, in the true Godseruice or [d] Offering of our Lorde Jesu Christ: and haue your communion, or confortitie-of-heart, with the Holyons of God and Christ, in all Loue. c Iam.1.e d Mat.26.e Mar.14.c Luk.22.b Rom.6 1.Cor.11.c

18. COme now all hether to the [e] Paradice of your Lorde and God, and becom fylled or satisfyed, with his Righteousnes. Heb.10.d 13.e eGen.3:

19. Come, and eate of the [f] Tree of Life, that standeth in the Middest of the Paradyce of the Lorde: com f Gen.2.b pro.3.e Apo.22.a

g Apo.2.c
Iohn.6.f
h Esa.12.a
Psal.35.c.
Iohn.4.b
Apo.21.b 22
i Apo.21.b
k Esa.55.a
Iohn.7
l Apo.2.b
m Can.4.d

n Cant.2.b
Eccli.24.c
o Cant.2.2.4
p Pro.9.a
Cant.4.c5.a
q Cant.1.2.3.4

r Cant.1.a.4
s.Per totum.

t Pro.3.8.b
u Col.2.a

com/eate and taſt the g hydden Bread of the Loue/ and lyue eternallie.

20. Com now all hether to the h liuinge Waters, which flowe-fourth out of the Fountayne of the Loue.

21. Com and drincke of thoſesame liuinge i Waters of the Loue/and with Thoſesame, queanch and refreaſh your k thirſtie Soules.

22. COm-in now all hether to the l Paradice of the Loue/and m plucke in her Garden, the Tender-olyues.

23. Gather you her n Flowers of delectable Smell/ and eate of her Fruites of lyuing o Sweetnes.

24. Becom p droncken with the Wyne of her soone-rype Grapes/ and q embrace Her, to all concordable Frindlynes.

25. Delight your r Spirit, in her Obedience/ And becom one Heart, with thesame Moſt-pureone.

26. For by Her, yee finde the aboundant s Riches/ and the t Saturation & or Sufficientie; in all thinges.

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A shorte Instruction of an Howshold-father, in the Cõmunialtie of the Loue of Jesu Christ.

DYee beloued Childzen and thou Famelie of Loue / respect well this good Doctrine and Exhortation of HM / and take the Instructions of thesame, effectuallie to heart: and vnderstande, what is requyred of you therwith-all. Not that yee shoulde take vnto you alone the [a] Knowledge of those-same / ether exercise you onlie in the Knowledge therof. but to take-heede rightlie vnto the Requiringe of those-same / and [b] to shew-fourth Obedience therin.

a Iaco. 1. d.

b Mat. 7. 12. e. Ioan. 15. b.

2. For to receaue onlie the Knowledge of the goblie Testimonies / and not to obey or accomplish thosesame and their Requiringe: and so to knowe and to speake anything, against the Obedience / is verelie [c] the Seede of the olde Serpent: and that is the false [d] Light which seduceth and estraungeth the Man from God and his Trueth / and worketh by hym much Contention and Discorde.

c Genes. 3.

d Esa. 5. b. 59. b

3. And the Disobedience is [e] the Seede of the Woman / wherthrough so much Falshod is com into the Worlde: and

e Gene. 3.

which seperateth the Man from the good Dayes of his peace-
f Sap.1.c.2.c.5 able Life / and leadeth him into all Miserie / [f] Death and Hell.
4. For-that-cause receaue no Knowledge, against the Obe-
dience / nether yet take vpon you with any Knowledge, to talke
anything more of the godlie Testimonies, then that wherin yee
shew-fourth Obedience / or whervnto yee are obedientlie inclyn-
g Ioan.8.15.b. Iaco.1.c. ned: and becom in such-sort first obedient [g] Disciples in the
Doctrine of the godlie Testimonies / and accomplish first the
Requiringe of thosesame, ere-euer yee endeuour you to be a
Teacher therof.
h Psal.1.a. 5. But applie you first-of-all, to be obedient vnto the [h] Lawe
or Ordenaunce of the Lorde · and vnto the Requiringe of the
i Exod.20.a. Deut.5.a. Ten principall [i] Commaundementes of God / which the God of
k Gen.3.a. Rom.3.b. Ephe.2.b. Heauē hath ordayned, to an [k] Enimitie betwixt the Knowledge
of the Seede of the Serpent / and the Disobedience of the
Seede of the Woman.
6. For thosesame are heere-followinge; in the Beginninge of
this Exhortatiō of HN; figured-fourth in Wrytinge or Letters
before you / like as the liuing God himself; out of his holy Hea-
l Exod.20. Deut.5.a.10. b.30.b. uen; hath spoken thosesame · and geeuen them [l] hrough Mo-
ses his Seruaunt; to an euerlastinge Righteousnes; vnto hys
People Israell: commaundinge them to be obedient thervn-
to, from Generation to Generation for euermore.
7. Respect well also the good Instructions of HN / which
hee declareth and teacheth, before the Beginninge of thesame
Commaundementes. In which hee also witnesseth, wherto / and
to what a good Vtilitie, that God hath geeuen hys
Lawe and Cōmaundementes vnto his People·
and commaunded them, to obserue
thosesame euerlastinglie.

TAKE IT TO HEART.

EXHORTATIO. I.

The first Ex-hortation of H. N. to his Children / and to the Famelye of Loue. by him newlye perused / and more distinctlye declared.

Translated out of Base-almayne into English.

Take myne Instruction to heart / and learne Wisedom and holie Vnderstanding: For Shee is a Tree of Life, vnto all those that take-holde of her: and blessed are they that retayne her. Prou. 3. b.

The Prologue.

WIth thiſſame holſome or godlie Exhortation, H. N. exhorteth and informeth (with many good Documentes and groundlie Inſtructions; hys Childzen / and the Famelye of Loue, vnto all Godnes / Mourtour / and Edifynge: and erpzelleth oz witneſſeth in theſame, the vpzight Righteouſnes, in diuers and ſondzye Sentences / To thend that the Diſciples oz Youngons of Underſtandinge, ſhould becom quickened oz delighted in their zeale to the Righteouſnes / as alſo ſtand-inclyned ſomuch-the-more to the vpzight Righteouſnes.

Which Exhoztation (with the manifolde diſtinct Informations of theſame; is alſo very commodious and ſeruiceable foz all Howſholde-fathers (which are compzehended in the Howſe of Loue / oz ſubmitting themſelues thervnder; to a good Information of their Childzen oz Youngons / To thend that the Heart of all Fathers, mought
Luk. 1.b. eauenſo (with theſame Exhoztation and the good Documentes therof; becom turned to the Childzen. and the Heart of the Childzen (in all Obedience of the holie and gratious Woozd; and his Seruice of Loue; to their Fathers: and that they mought eauenſo becom taught to the Prudent-vnderſtanding of the Righteous / foz to be pzepared to an vpzight People, foz the Lozde.

To theſame now therfoze, euerypne (which loueth the Righteouſnes; ought preſentlie to endeuour himſelf, vnder the Obedience of the Loue. and eauenſo, diligentlie to applye himſelf (with his whole Famelie; to the vpright Righteouſnes / To thend that Althinges mought now go in their right courſe / and that it all mought eauenſo become fulfilled, which is writen in the Lawe of Moyſes, in the Pzopheates / and in the Euangeliſtes.

Let euerypne take it to Heart.

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The first Exhortation of H. N. to his Children and to the Famelie of Loue.

The first Chap.

In thisſame Chapiter ther is witneſſed and figureed-fourth in Letters, the tenne principall Commaundementes of the moſt high God/ which the liuinge God himſelf, out of his holy Heauen, hath ſpokē/ and geeuen them, through Moyſes, his Seruaunt, vnto his People Iſraell, to an euerlaſting Righteouſnes/ and commaunded them to be obedient therunto, for euermore. Before the which, ther are certen Inſtructions ſetfourth/ to an exprelſinge, whereto the Lawe and Commaundementes of God, are geeuen by God.

THe [a] Lorde erec- A
ted a Witnes in Jacob/ [a] Pſal.78.a
and gaue a [b] Lawe in Iſ- [b] Exod.10.a
raell: Deut.5.a 6.a

2. Which hee cōmaunded our [c] Fathers/ [c] Pſal.78.a
to teach vnto their Children/

3. To [d] thende that the Poſteritie mought [d] Deu.4.a.16.19
learne thesame: and that the Children which Pſal.78.a
were yeat to be borne, ſhould in like-maner when they were growen-vpp; publiſh thesame vnto their Children:

4. And ſo ſet their Hope in [e] God/ and not [e] Pſal.78.a.b
forget the

the Workes of God: but keepe his Commaundement.

B 5. For-that-cause; my beloued Children/ and thou Famelie of Loue; apply you; from [f] your youth vpp; to learne and to obserue the Commaundementes of the Lorde. Heere-vnto indeuour you diligētly, [g] both Night and Day: and print the same; as a Seale; in your Heartes [h]. For they are vnto you a Life.

f Eccle 12.a
Lament. 3.c
g Deut. 4.a 6 a
Ios. 1.a
Psal. 1.a
h Deut. 6.a
i Deut. 4.a
Psal. 12

6. [i] Keepe them well in your Mindes and Thoughtes, all your life-longe/ so shall they then bringe great Wisedom vnto you/ and make manifest many Secreates of God and holye Vnderstandinges. as also preserue you from the [k] Destruction of the Vngodlye/ and from all Errours of the Ignorant.

k Ios. 23.b

7. Therfore; my beloued Children; yee shall alwayes, haue an vpright regarde vnto the Lawe or Commaundementes of the Lorde: and consider to what good Ende, that the Lawe of the Lorde and the Priestes-office of the same, becometh fulfilled: and to what-maner of [l] good Conseruation; in all Equitie; that the Lawe of the Lorde/ was geeuen to the Children of Men.

l Exo. 20.a
Deut. 4.a 5 a. 6

C 8. For/ seeing that the Synne, besides the Righteousnes/ the [m] Lye, besydes the Trueth/ the [n] Darknes, besides the Light/ the Ignoraunce or Goodthinking, besides Gods holie Vnderstandinge/ the [o] Condemnation, besides the Saluation/ and the [p] Curssing, besydes the Blessing/ were ētred or com-in/ to the Childrē of men: and; for that cause; all [q] Generations of the Earth, solde and captiued vnder the Deuels Might and Violent-powre: and vtterlie [r] estraunged from the Godlynes and [s] Trueth of God/ as also ignorant of the same (wherthrough the Generations of the Earth,

m Gen. 3.a 4
n Esa. 5.c d
o Gen. 3.b
Sap. 2.c
p Deut. 28
q Gen. 6.b 28
r Ephe. 2.a
s Psal. 5.a 14 a
Rom. 3.b

Earth became bound: euery-where; so mightely, with the Bandes of Death/ Hell/ and Condemnation/ that none: of them all; could once [t] minde/ vnderstād/ finde/ nor comprehend, Gods Trueth nor his holy Vnderstanding/ nether-yet likewise obtayne any Saluation or Blessinge)/ So hath the most-high God [v] taken-pitie of the manlye Generation/ and been mindfull of thesame with his Grace. and vouchsafed to shewe-fourth his Loue/ Mercye/ Powre/ and Almightynes [X] to the Saluation and Blessing of all Generations; on the Earth. namely [in expressinge] how/ and wheare-through, all the Children of Men mought come-againe to the true Light of Life: [y] their Saluation: /to the vpright Knowledg of the Wisedom of God: their holye Vnderstanding: / and to the euerlasting [z] Rest and Peace: their Blessinge:.

t Sap.1.a
Mat.11.c
Rom.8.a
1.Cor.2.b
v Psal.58.e
Ephe.1.a 2.c
Tit.2.b.3.a
X Luk.1.g
Gen.22.a
y Mat.1.d
1.Cor.1.c
z Heb.4.b

9. Now/ for to accomplish all thissame/ so hath God chosen there-to, eauen [a] Abraham. and couenaunted or made-promise with hym/ that all Generations of the Earth, should: through Hym and [b] his Seede; becom blessed.

a Gen.12.a
b Gen.22.b

10. HOwbeit/ after that these Promises were made vnto Abraham and hys Seede/ so became the Seede of Abraham: the which was also called [c] Israell; dwelling in the Lande [d] of Egipt: where-as [e] increased to many Multitudes of People. Which People of Israell, became made Bond-seruauntes by Pharao: the Kinge of Egipt: / [f] and were very-sore afflicted.

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c Gen.32.c
d Gen.46.b c
e Gen.47.c d
f EXo.1.b c

11 But/ the God of Israell [g] forgatt not his People/ nor the Promises which hee: to a Blessing of all Generations of the Earth; had promised vnto Abraham. but was mindfull of his [h] Couenaunt, that hee had

g Deut.4.c
Luk.1.g
h Gen.22.c 26

made with Abraham/ Isaac/ and Jacob: and became
i Ezech. 34.e a i Judge ouer his Flock. For hee lead his People
k Exo. 12.f 13 a 14.15 ¿ k with his mightie Hand; out of the Lande of Egipt/ and out of the Bondatge-howse of their Slauerye.

1 Exo. 20.a Deut. 4.c d 5 a E 12. AND God hath let them heare l hys Woorde of Life. also made-manifest/ witnessed/ and declared/ which is hys eternall, true, and liuinge Righteousnes/ that Hee wolde haue to be erected ¿ through his People Israell; vpon the Earth: and wherin all the Children of Men/ Generations/ and Heathen, should liue/ that it mought ¿ perpetuallie; go-well with them.

m Exo. 20. a b Deut. 5.c 13. For/ through Israell m the Seede of Abraham the Lordes Mercifulnes stoode ouer the Heathen/ for to make the Heathen also ¿ which turned them to the Howse of Israell/ for to liue in the Lawes and Statutes of Israell; out of his Grace/ n Coheyres with Israell/ in the o Testamentes of the holye Fathers/ and in the heauenlie Riches of God the Father/ according to the Promises.

n Ephe. 1. b 2 c Rom. 15.b o Gé. 22. b 49 Esa. 49. a b c Ephe. 2. b c

14. This same true and euer-lasting Righteousnes/ hath the liuing God declared ¿ out of his holye Heauen; vnto his People Israell, vpon the Mount Sinai. And God spake to Israell, all these Wordes/ and sayde:

p Exo. 20. a Gal. 4.c F

q Exo. 20. a Deut. 5. a Psal. 81. b 15. Iq am the Lorde thy God/ which haue brought thee out of the Lande of Egipt ¿ eauen out of the Howse-of-bondaige;

The first Commaundement.

s Exo. 20. a Leui. 19. a 16. Thou s shalt haue none other Gods besides Mee.

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The seconde Commaundement.

17. Thou [f] shalt not make to thy-self any Imaige nor Likenes, of that which is in Heauen, aboue: or of that which is on the Earth, beneth / or of that which is in the Water, vnder the Earth: Pray not to them/ and serue or worship them not. For I the Lorde thy God am a Ielous God / which [t] punisheth the Wickednes of the Fathers, vpon the Childrē / vnto the thirde and fourth Generation, of them that hate mee: and shewe Mercye vpon many Thowsandes, that loue mee/ and keepe my Commaundementes.

[f] EXo. 20. a
Deu. 4. b 5 a
Leui. 19. a
Iosua. 24. b c

[t] Exo. 20. a 34
Deut. 7. b

The thirde Commaundement.

18. Thou shalt not abuse the [v] Name of the Lorde thy God. For the Lorde will not holde him giltles or leaue him vnpunished, that abuseth his Name or taketh it in vayne.

[v] EXo. 20. a
Leui. 19. b
Eccli 23. a

The fowrth Commaundement.

19 Be mindfull [*] of the Sabboth-daye, G that thou sanctifie thesame. Six Dayes shalt thou labour/ and do all thy Woorke. But the seuenth Daye, is the sabbaoth Daye of the Lorde, thy God: In the same thou shalt do no Woorke/ nor thy Sonne/ nor thy Daughter/ nor thy Manseruaunt/ nor thy Mayd-seruaunt/ nor thy Cattell/ nor thy Straunger that is within thy Gates. For in [y] syx Dayes, the Lorde made Heauē and Earth/ with the Sea/ and all that is therin: and rested the seuenth Daye. Wherfore the Lorde [z] blessed the Sabboth-day/ and hallowed it.

[*] EXo. 20. 23 a
34. c. 35 a.
Deu. 5. a
Ezee. 20. b
2. Cla. 8. 9 10
4. Gla. 11.

[y] Gē. 1. c d

[z] Gē. 2. a
Heb. 4. b

The fifth Commaundement.

The first Exhortation

a EXo.20.b Mat.15.a Ephe.6.a

20. Thou shalt honour thy [a] Father and thy Mother/that thou maist liue longe in the Lande, that the Lorde thy God geeueth thee.

The sixth Commaundement.

b EXo.20.b Mat.5.c Rom 13.b

21. Thou shalt [b] not kill.

The seuenth Commaundement.

c Exo.20.b Mat.5.c 19 c

22. Thou shalt [c] not commit-adoulterie

The eight Commaundement.

d EXo.20.b Liui.19.c Marc.10.b. H

23. Thou shalt [d] not steale.

The ninth Commaundement.

e EXo.20 b Deut.5.b Mat.19.c

24. Thou shalt not beare [e] any false witnes against thy Neighbour.

The tenth Commaundement.

f Exo.20.b Deu.5.b Mat.5.c Rom.7.a

25. Thou [f] shalt not couet thy Neighbours Howse/nor his Wyfe/nor his Seruaunt/nor his Mayde/nor his Oxe/nor his Asse/nor anye-thinge, of all that thy Neighbour hath.

The seconde Chap.

An Expressing and Declaration, who are the Lordes People that loue hym/and who (on the other side) contēne hym. and how the Goodwilling to the Righteousnes, becom nourtered and sustayned by the Lawe and Commaundementes of God and lead eauenso (vnder the Obedience of the Lawe of the Lorde/and the Beleef of Jesu Christ) vnto the true Beeing of Christ and his Loue.

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HErelie, all Such now as obserue and keepe these Commaundementes/Lawes/ and Statutes of the supreame God, in the Spirit/and according to all Trueth;/and lyue therin: and turne not aside, nether[a] to the Right-hand nor to the Leaft. but are grounded or established with vpright Heartes, vnder the Obedience of the Loue; ther-in: and eauenso, out of their Disposition and Nature; lust-for nor desyre any other thinge, but to beare the Wordes/Commaundementes/and Testimonies of the true God,[b] in their Heartes/and to be[c] obedient therynto/Those are, doutles; They which loue God/[d] also are borne of him/and are his Childrē. A

a Deu.5.d17 b Iosue.1.b 23 b 4.Esd.7.a Pro.4.c

b Ier.31.c c Iohn.14.c d 1.Iohn.3.b. 4.5.b

2. BVt all such as keepe Not these Wordes/ Commaundementes/and Lawes of the Most-highest/nor liue ther-in:nether-yet will learne, in the Seruice of Loue; to obserue those-same/nor doo therafter/nor lyue therin: nor yet likewise will indeuour themselues, through the Doctrine and Beleef of Jesu Christ; to their Purginge from the Sinne (To thend that they, through the[e] Bloud of Jesu Christ; mought becom wasshed and purged from their Synnes and vnpure Consciences)/Those are verely They which[f] loue not God.but are such as hate Him/ contemne his Lawe and Worde/account the Bloud of our Lorde Jesu Christ, that clenseth and saueth our Soules;[g] for vnpure/and disdayne His Saluation.

e Heb.9.b Ephe.1.a

f Iohn.14.b

g Heb.6.a 10.c

3. For such peruerse Heartes, which are[h] Allauntes to the Citizenship of Israell/and also Straungers to the mercifull Loue of Jesu Christ/and walke eauenso without the Loue and her Seruice; do playnly expresse with their wicked and apostated Will, whose[i]

h Ephe.2.b

i Iohn.8.d

Children they are/and wherto they haue tourned their Heartes/ Mindes / and Thoughtes. For such an adoulterous k Generation, are the Children l of the Deuell/and the wicked Seed of the peruers or corrupt World/which will not at-all, geeue themselues to the Cleansing of the Heart/ and Sanctification in Jesu Christ: nor-yet submit them, vnder the Obed.ence of the Lawe of the Lorde · nor vnder the Obedience of the Faith of Jesu Christ · nor vnder the Obedience of the Loue of the holy Spirit.

k Mat.12.e
l Iohn.8.e

B 4. BEholde/heere-by now it becometh knowne, which are the Children m of the Deuell; or of the wicked World;/ and which; on the other-side; are the Children of God; or the Good-willingons to the Righteousnes;.

m 1.Iohn. 3.b

5. For all what is of God, n loueth God: and o keepeth his Woord. And all what is departed and estraunged from God/; if-so-be that it haue a lust to God and his Righteousnes; That cometh againe; through the Loue/ or through the Voyce or Callinge of the Spirit of Loue; vnto God: and indeuoureth Itself; in the Comuntalte of the Loue; to lyue and walke in all p vpright Righteousnes and Holynes.

n Iohn. 8.e
o Iohn. 14.b c
p Luk. 1.g
Ephe. 1.2.4.e

6. These Children of God/ together with all such as; with humble Heartes; haue a q Lust to doo the Will of the Lorde / becom all iustified or made-safe; vnder the Obedience of the Loue; by God; through his Christ; from all their r Sinnes. and eauenso, through the Woord/ s with the Woord / and in the t Woorde of Life; the which is Jesus Christ himself; v lead and brought-in to the true Beeing of Jesu Christ: And hee x the same Christ; inspireth * them with his holye Spirit of Loue/and y geeueth them

q Psal.40.a

r Mat.1.d
s Iohn. 15.b
t 1.Iohn.1.a
v Iohn.14.c.16

* Iohn.20.c
y Iohn.6.d 10.

them the euerlastinge Life.

7. HOw-be-it / whilst that this Woorde of Life / nor his Loue, was not ; in tymes-passed ; [z] reuealed among the Generations of Abraham: nor-yet com vnto them ; as a true Light ; in true Knowledg / So could not this holye Lawe of Life ; the Commaundementes of their Lorde and God ; becom rightlie ministred nor lyued ; according to the heauenlie Trueth ; among the Children of Men. C [z] 2. Cor. 3. b Heb. 9. a. b.

8. For that cause now / it became All set-fourth before them ; to a [a] Conseruation of them / till vnto the Comminge of Christ / and till vnto the Manifesting of his Resurrection ; [b] in Images / Figures / Shadowes / [c] parabolous Woordes / and Writen-letters : wherwith ther was required of them, the good Will to God / and to his Woorde / [d] for to be obedient goodwillinglie, vnto the Lorde their God / and to lyue in his Righteousnes / To thend that the Most-best / and the [e] purest Bewtye of the Cleernes of Christ, should com eauenso vnto them, in the Spirit and accordinge to the Trueth / and so they to becom incorporated ; [f] in all Loue ; to the louelie Beeinge of God. [a] Gal. 3. e 4. a [b] Heb. 7. c 10. a [c] Mat. 13. b Luk. 8. a [d] Deu. 6. a 10. a [e] 1. Cor. 13. b 2. Cor. 3. b [f] Iohn. 15. b 17. c

9. VNder thissame fore-goinge [g] and figuratiue God-seruice ; which was witnessing vpon a More-effectuall and Cleerer ; God hath [h] many-tymes sent his Propheates vnto the Fathers of Israell : wherthrough God ; in many-maner-of-wise ; witnessed vnto them, of the [i] Cleernes of Christ that was for to com / of the Riches of the most-pure Bewtyfulnes of God / [k] and of the louelye and vpright Righteousnes / which should becom brought vnto them : and how D [g] Heb. 7. b c 9. a [h] Heb. 1. a [i] Esa. 2. a 3 b 9. a. 11. a. 12. a 60 [k] Esa. 32. 33. 49 Ier. 23. a 33 b

that

that they, in the last tymes, vnder the Obedience of the Loue, should lyue therin for euer.

Iesa.49.b c d 10. BVt whenas now thissame gratious Time was come, wherof God had l spoken bee-
m Gen.22.b fore and like as hee m promised to Abraham and his Seede, and wherin hee (like as ther was prophected
n Deu.18.b 30 therof, by Moyses in the n Lawe, and by all the Pro-phecates of God) wolde accomplish all hys Worke, to the Blessing of all the Generations of the Earth,
o Luk.2.d Act.13.g So hath God, to the o Lighting of the Heathē, and to the Renowne of his People Israell, sent fourth from
p Luk.1.e Hym p his Angell Gabriell, into a Citie in Galile, which is called Nazareth, to a Virgin which was
q Mat.1.e betrothed to a Man q named Joseph, of the r Howse
r Luk.1.c of Dauid. And the Virgin was called, Marie.

E 11. And the Angell Gabriell went in s vnto her, and saluted her: saying to her, that shee should con-
s Luc.1.c ceaue in her Wombe, and beare a Sonne, and call
t Mat.1.c his Name, Jesus or t Sautour.

12. For through Thesame, God wolde v saue and
v Mat.1.c
* Gen.22.b blesse the manlye Generation, according to his * Promises: to thend that they, with vpright and pure
y Deu.30.c Heartes, should lyue alwayes and y for euer, in his Lawe and vpright Righteousnes, and inherit eauen-so, the heauenlie Treasures, and Riches of God.

The thirde Chap.

The Salutation of the Aungell Gabriell, wherwith hee saluted the Virgin Marie, when shee should conceaue or becom-with-childe, through the Powre of the Most-highest, by the holy Goste: And the Blessing of Elizabeth, wherwith shee blessed the Virgin Marie, when shee came to her, and found her to be with-childe by the holye Goste.

Saluted

SAluted [a] be thou, Ful-of-grace: the Lorde is with thee, thou Prayſed among Women. A [a] Luk.1.c

2. Feare [b] thee not Marye: thou haſt found Grace with God. [c] Beholde / thou ſhalt conceaue in thy Wombe / and beare a Sonne: his Name ſhalt thou call Jeſus. [b] Luk.1.c [c] Eſa.7.b

3. Theſame [d] ſhalbe great / and be called a Sonne of the Moſt-higheſt. And God the Lorde ſhal [e] geeue Hym the Seate of his Father Dauid: and hee ſhalbe a Kinge ouer the Howſe of Jacob, for-euer: and [f] her ſhall be no [f] Ende of his Kingdome. [d] Luk.1.c [e] Eſa.9.a [f] Dan.2.e 7.b

4. Bleſſed [g] art thou amonge Women [O Marie, the Mother of my Lorde] and bleſſed is the Fruite of thy Wombe, Jeſus Chriſt. AMEN. [g] Luk.1.d The Bleſſing of Elizabeth.

The IIII. Chap.

The Praiſe and Thankeſgeening of Marie / wherin ſhee lawded the Lorde; through the Joye which ſhee receaued in her Soule; when ſhee had conceaued by the holy Goſte.

MY [a] Soule doth magnify the Lord. A [a] Eſa.61.b Luk.1.c

2. And my Spirit reioyceth in God, my Saluation.

3. For

b Luk. 1. e

3. For hee hath looked on b the Lowlyne
of his Handmayden: Beholde / from
hence-fourth, all Generations shall coun
me blessed.

4. For Hee that is Mightie, hath
wrought great thinges in Mee: and holy is
his Name.

c Eccl. 10. a Deu. 5. Luk. 1. e

5. And his c Mercye endureth from one
Generation to an-other / amonge them
that feare him.

d 1. Reg. 2. a Luk. 1. e

6. Hee exerciseth Powre d with his Arme
and scattereth such as are proude in the
imagination of their heart.

7. Hee thrusteth the Mightie from thei
Seate: and exalteth the Humble.

e Psal. 31. b Mat. 5. a Luk. 1. e

8. Hee filleth the e Hungrye with Good
thinges: and leaueth the Riich emptie.

f Esa. 41. a Ier. 31. a d

B 9. Hee remembreth his Mercye: f an
healpeth-vpp his Seruaunt Israell

g Gen. 22. b

10. As hee hath g spoken to our Fathers
Abraham and his Seede; for-euer.

11. Glorye be to the Father / and to th
Sonne / and to the Holye-goste.

12. As it was in the Beginninge / and i
presentlie / and alwayes: and shalbe fro
hence

ence-fourth, Worlde-without-ende.
AMEN.

The V. Chap.

The Blessinge/ wherwith the god-fearinge Man Symeon, blessed the Lorde/ when Jesus the Sonne of God was borne of Marye and brought by the Elders, to the Temple of the Lorde.

A

LOrde/ [a] now leauest thou thy Seruant; accordinge to thy Woord; in Peace. a Luk.2.d

For myne Eyes haue seene thy Saviour.

Which thou hast prepared, before all People:

A [b] Light, to lighten the Heathen: and to the Prayse of thy People Israell. b Es.49.a 60. Luk.2.d Act.13.a.

Glorie bee to the Father/ and to the Sonne/ and to the holye Goste.

As it was in the Beginninge/ and is presentlie/ and alwayes: and shalbe from hence-fourth, Worlde-without-ende.
AMEN.

B

All now whatsoeuer wee had heere-folowing, to speake or write; more-at-large; of Christ/ his louelie Beeing/ and of the heauenlie Treasures and [c] Riches of God; wherin all Men ought to [c] Mat.13.b 2.Cor.4.b Col.2.a

lque;

liue;: and also all what is brought vnto vs through Christ / and geeuen vs to inherit, as the Heritable goods of our God and heauenlie Father / that haue wee plentifullie and in manifolde-sort; with full Resolution; witnessed and declared in the d Glasse of Righteousnes.

d Gla.26.27 28.29.30

8. For-that-cause, wee will not presentlie intreate much ther-of heere in this place. but declare the e Beleef in Jesu Christ / wherin all our Saluation consisteth: As also testifie and confesse, how / or in what maner-of-wise, that Wee f the Communialtie of Holyons in the Loue g stand-grounded in the true Beleef of our Lorde Jesu Christ. and what our Hope and Comforte is, which wee g through the Loue of God the Father / and his Christ; haue g in thesame Beleef: wherwithall wee expresse and declare / how men shall rightlie / and accordinge to the Trueth, beleeue in Christ.

e Act.4.b 15 b

f 1.Cor.3.b

g Ephe.1.b 2.3

C

9. Which true Beleef in Jesu Christ, reuealed vnto vs, out of the h heauenlie Trueth, in our Heart; wee do presentlie, eauen out of Loue; setfourth and expresse before euerynone, that the Lorde stirreth vpp in our Waye / To thend that they all, in thissame Day or Light of the Loue; should becom restored in the true i Beleef of Jesu Christ: and through the Beleef i saued in the Seruice of the Loue / accordinge to the Promises.

h Mat.17.a 1.Iohn.1.2 2.Pet.1.b

i Pſal.118.c k Roma.8.b l Gen.22.b Eſa.2.3.4.9.11 Ier 31.d Mal.4.a

The VI. Chap.

In thiſame sixth Chapiter, ther are certen Instructions contayned; touching the vpright Faith: and immediatlie ther-after in the seuenth Chapiter, ther is witnessed and figured-fourth in Letters, the twelue principall

Head

head-articles of the most-holye christian Faith or Beleef, like as thoselsame are beleeued and confessed of and by the Communaltie of the Holyons of the Howse of Loue. Together with the vpright christiã Baptisme, in the Name of the Father, and of the Sonne, and of the holye Goste.

SEeing; my beloued Children / and thou Famelie of Loue; that the [a] last or newest Day doth presentlie appeere / and becometh reuealed, with Vs; in the which, the Appeering [b] of the Comming of Christ and of the Resurrection of the Dead cometh-to-passe / to a righteous [c] Judgment of God vpon Earth; so can it not now likewise bide-back, but the most-holie christian Beleef must also appeere and declare-fourth herself / and; accordinge to the very-true Trueth; become made-manifest in the self-same Daye / To thend that the same true Beleef, mought now in the [d] last tyme reuealed in this mostholie Daye of the Loue; becom expressed or healdfourth; vnder the Obedience of the Loue; before all People / and that the vpright Beleeuers in Jesu Christ / as also all such as beleeue vnrighelie of Christ, should becom knowne and manifested the one [e] from the other: and euenso iudged according to the Trueth / and righteous Judgment of God.

A

a Esa. 2. a
Ioel. 2. c
Act. 2. c

b Esa. 26. e
Oze. 13. b.
1. Cor. 15. f

c Dan. 7. c
Mat. 25. d

d Ioel. 2. e

e Mat. 13. d e
25. d

FOr-as-much then, as that now; euen in this same newest Daye; [f] the Coming of Jesu Christ; as a Lorde in hys Maiestie; from the Right-hande of God his Father, appeereth / and becometh manifested vnto vs; with full Cleernes of the heauenlie Glorye; [g] / accordinge to the Scripture / Therfore passe wee thorowe the Nations of People / seeking or making-triall, whether the true Beleef of Christ, be any-where to be found [h] vpon the Earth.

But seeing that wee cannot perceaue or finde the

f Mat. 24. d 25.
Luk. 17. c 21

g Act. 1. b 2. c

h Ier. 5. a
Luk. 18. e

true Beleef in Jesu Christ, among any People vpon the Earth, that walke with-out the Comunialtie of the Loue/and lyue vnto them-selues; :and that thesame is appeered and manifested vnto the Holyōs of God,
i 1.Iohn.1.a in the Comuntaltie of the Loue: through the Appeer-
k Mat.25.d ing[k] of the Cominge of Jesu Christ; out of the high
Act.1.b Heauen/ So can-not likewise thesame most-holye Beleef, becom vprightlie witnessed nor confessed, by any Other People/Nations/nor Communialties/
l 1.Cor12.a b but onlye by the [l] Comuntaltie of the Holyons in the
Ephe.4.b. Loue/or by Such as lyue and walke [m] obedientlie,
m 1.Pet.1.b vnder the gratious Woord and his Seruice of
1.Iohn.3.b 4.b Loue.

4. For Those, that stand comprehended in the Light of the Loue/or that are [n] taught ther-of/ They
n Iohn.6.e walke in the true [o] Light [that is in the Cleernes of
Ephe.4.b
o Iohn.1.a 8 b Christ]/wherthrough all the Holyons of God, haue
1.Iohn.1.a euer [p] witnessed/published/and confessed/the true Be-
p 1.Tim.3.b leef of Jesu Christ.
2.Pet.1.b

5. The-whilst then that God extendeth his Com-passion ouer vs, with his Light/and doth now in the last Time: through the Appeering of the
q Iohn.17.c Cominge of his Christ; raise-vpp his [q] Communi-
Ephe.1.2 2 c altie of Holyons: which hee hath chosen from the be-
r Mat.25.d ginninge, [r] to be the Heyres of his Kingdom; in hys Loue/and in the Loue of his Christ: and that hee in like-maner, expressely declareth vnto vs: vnder the Obedience of thesame Loue; the vpright Fayth/and the true Judgment of God or Christ/Therfore can-not wee hide it or omytt, to witnes and declare: accor-
s Mat.25.d ding to the Trueth; thesame true Beleef/and the [s]
1.Cor.15.c f Misterie of the true Judgment of Christ both ouer the Liuinge and Dead; and to endeuour vs with all

dilli-

dilligence/for to setfourth; accordinge to the Trueth; the vpright Beleef of Jesu Christ, before euerymone whom God steereth-vpp in our Waye / To thende that they all which are [t] good-of-will/ mought becom plucked/in the vpright and true Faith of Jesu Christ, with vs; vnder the Obedience of the Loue; in to the One [v] concordable Communialtie of Holyons' and eauenso [X] obtayne their Saluation and Blessing/according to the Promises.

t Luk.2.b

v Iohn.17.e
X Gé.22.b
Ier.31.d 32

6. THerfore heare; [y] hee that hath Eares to heare; and consider-well; hee that hath Vnderstandinge to comprehende; our vpright Grounde of the true Faith, in God [s] our Father [?]/and in his Sonne Jesus Christ [s] our Lorde and Saulour [?]/ and in the holie Gost [s] our [z] Inheritaunce in the spirituall and heauenlie Goods [?]/and of the vpright christian Baptisme, [a] in euery of their Names. For all Such as beleeue and becom [b] baptised vprightlie, according to the Trueth and Testimonie of Jesu Christ/they shall becom saued. But whoso beleeue not / they shall becom condemned.

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y Mat.13.a
Luk.8.a
Apo.2.c 3.b

z Ephe.1.a

a Mat.28.b
b Marc.16.b

7. WHerfore; my beloued Children; like-as the true Communialtie of Holyons and Elders of the Howse of Loue, confesse; vnder the Obedience of the Loue; the Beleef in Jesu Christ/ and the christian Baptisme/and like as I expresse the same heere, vnto you/ and confesse or acknowledg it before all men, to be the true Faith/and the vpright Baptisme/Eauenso ground; with fast Beleef; [c] your Heartes likewise therin.

c Ephe.3.b

8. Confesse also boldelie thesame Beleef, before Men. also among the adoulterous and sinfull Generation/ and the false-heartes of the Scripture-

learned/ which falselie boſt them to be Chriſtians/ and malitiouſlie ſpeake-euell of vs; which confeſſe the vpright Chriſtiantie, in the Loue;/ as alſo defame and perſecute vs, with much falſhod and manye lying-tales.

D 9. Thus keepe it not cloſe nor yet be aſhamed, to confeſſe and acknowledg the Trueth of Chriſt, before Men [d]. For/ according to the ſame maner, Chriſt ſhall alſo then acknowledg you before his heauenlie Father/ and before the Aungels of God/ in his Maieſtie.

d Mat.10.d Mar.8.d Luk.9.c12.a

The VII. Chap.

The first Article of the christian Faith.

A WEe beleeue in God the Father, [a] Almightie/ [b] Maker of Heauen and Earth.

a Gen.17.a
b Gen.1.a b c

2. Wee confeſſe/ or acknowledg/ that Theſame, is a true [c] and liuinge God/ a mightie Spirit/ a perfect [d] cleere Light/ and a true Beeinge. and that the ſame Beeing, is God the Fathers Name/ and his Loue itſelf.

c Iohn.1.a 8.b
d Sap.7.c 1.Iohn.1.a Heb.1.a
e 1.Iohn.4.a

3. In which Name of the Father, wee are [e] plucked, through the Seruice of his holie and gratious Woorde; vnder the Obedience of the Lawe of the Lorde/ of the Beleef of Jeſu Chriſt/ and of the Loue of the holie Goſt; by the Father, to the Loue of his onlie Sonne Jeſu or [g] Sauiour: the [h] verylie Beeing or Subſtance of his Godhead: and eauenſo [i] baptiſed or waſſhed in theſame Name of the Father.

f Iohn.6.c
g Mat.1.e
h Col.1.b Heb.1.a
i Mat.28.b

4. Whic

4. Which [k] Pluckinge of the Father/ and Bap- [k] Iohn.6.e
tising in the Fathers Name, hath the Fore-going by vs; in the Administration of the holy Woord vn- der the Obedience of the Loue; with the [l] Lawe or Ordenaunce of the Lorde/ and with his [m] Correcti- on or Disciplive: wher-withall wee eauenso; as in an Enimitie against the Sinne; becom preuented and infourmed/ to an Incorporatinge in the godlie Righteousnes. [l] Exo.20.a Deut.5.b 11.a [m] Psal.89.d [1.]Ga.11.g

5. For eauenso: in the becominge baptised in the Name of the Father; doth the Lorde [n] chastise or nourtour with his Lawe, euery Man which hee plucketh or receaueth vnto him: Wher-through it be- cometh than all made-manifest in the Man, [o] what- soeuer becometh chastised by the Light or through the Light. [n] Pro.3.b Heb.12.b Apo.3. [o] Ephe.5.b

6. Through which fatherlie [p] Disciplne; in the be- coming-manifest [q] of the Sinne; wee are inseeinge and perceauing in the Light, all the Horriblenes [r] of the Sinne/ together with the Deuels and the Fleashes lying, craftie, and deceitfull, or false Nature. and Gods [s] Indignation and [t] Wrath, ouer the-same/ and ouer all such [v] as are of one minde therwith. [p] Pro.3.b Heb.12.b [q] Rom.7.b [r] Rom.7.bc [s] Ier.30.e [t] Eccli.5.a Rom.2.a [v] Psal.5.a

7. When wee now finde ourselues giltie in All/ and becom; in such-sort; [x] chastised by Gods Grace, through his [y] Light of the fatherlie Loue/ so care wee; at that tyme; greef/ sorrowe/ and angwish/ or affliction for the Sinnes cause: and [z] confessing the- same Sinnes; with humble Heartes; in the Seruice of the holy Woord, vnder the Obedience of the Loue of the Father/ wee becom wholie inclined and good- willing, [a] to hate/ to leaue/ and to lay-away or to mor- tifie, the Sinnes/ and all what is vngodlie: and to [x] Apo.3.c [y] Ephe.5.b [z] psal.32.a Pro.28.b [a] Psal.45.b 139

b Mar.1. Act.2.d e Pro.1.23.24 Eccli.4.a 32.c Heb.13.b d Mat.6.b Luk.11.a

that effect wee do; as than; wholly geeue-ouer ourselues, in the b Counsaile of the holy Woord and of the c Elders in the Seruice of the Loue. To thend that God the Fathers Name; according to the Requiringe of the Seruice of his Loue; mought becom d hallowed and magnified in vs.

C 8. And eauenso; in the Famelie or Communialtie of the Loue; wee obtaine Grace and Fauour before God the Father, and hys Sonne, Jesus Christ: and becom; through the Seruice of the holie Woorde, and of the fatherlie c Correction; kept and lead-fourth eauen vnto Jesus Christ, the Sonne of God the Father, for to becom iustified and released or f made-free, through the Name of the Sonne; vnto whom God the Father hath geuen g all Powre, both in Heauen and Earth; from the h Sinne, and from her i Kingdom of the Death, of the Deuell, and of all wicked Spirites: namelie, to our Preseruation in the Godlynes, in the great and terrible k Daye of the Lorde, and of the righteous Judgment of God, which shall burne; in wrath or l furye; ouer all Vngodlie; which haue dispised the Loue in her Seruice and Requiring, and refused the fatherlie m Correction; as a Fire, to n their euerlasting Condēnation in the Fire of Hell, which is prepared for the Deuell and his Aungels or Ministers.

e Pro.3.b Heb.12.b f Ioh.n.8.d Rom.6.c g Mat.11.c 28 h Mat.1.c i Apo.20.a k Ioel.2.a Amos.5.b l Soph.1.b Malach 4.a m Pro.29. Heb.12.b n Mat.25.d

o Baruch.3.b p [illegible].d

9. In which Preseruation o and Extending of-grace or Mercifull-fauour of our God and Sauiour, God the Father; with the p Discipline of his Lawe; manneth himself; according to the inward Man; with vs: and wee becom likewise, wit

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the Cleernes of his godlie q Light (wher-withall hee, with the Lawe r of his Chastising; is alwayes against vs, in the Sinne) godded or made-conformable, in a good-willinge Spirit to the vpright Righteousnes; with Hym/ To thend that wee through his owne Beeinge, should beare or carye, as Men of God; his holye Name, vnder the Obedience of his s Lawe: and lyue and walke eauenso, accordinge to the Lawe or Ordinaunce of his t true Beeinge; in all Loue.

q Ephe.5.b
r Psal.89.d
Pro.3.a
Heb.12.b
s Mat.5.a
t Gal.4.5.e
v 1.Pet.1.b 2.a
2.Pet.1.a

10. And that is the vpright christian Baptisme or Wasshinge, in the x Name of the Father: and is the true Baptisme/ which hath the Fore-going, in the christian Doctrine of the Seruice of Loue.

x Mat.28.b

11. WEe confesse likewise/ that all Such as beleeue not eauen-thus in God the Father/ beleeue vnrightlie: and that also they all, which becom not eauen-so (as is abouesaid) y baptised, through the Seruice of the holie Woord, vnder the Obedience of the Lawe of the Lorde/ or of the Doctrine of his Woorde; in Gods Loue or true Beeing, Beare or carye not Gods holye Name/ nor the Spirit of his true Beeinge: nor are z baptised in the Name of the Father: and that it in like-maner is not meete or conuenient, that men should count such Vnbeleeuers and Vnbaptisedons, for Christians; nether-yet also for Men, at whose handes one

y Mar.16.b
Rom.6.a
z Gal.3.c

should anyway suppose or trust to finde any Woorde
a Iohn.1.a.3.a [a] of Gods Trueth/ or yet any Woorkes [b] of Righte-
b Mat.1.a ousnes / or Godseruice, that God regardeth or ac-
cepteth.

The seconde Article.

a Mat.1.a c
Luk.1.d 2.b D 12. WEe beleeue in [a] Jesus Christ
: the [b] onlie Sonne of God:
b Mat.16.b17
Rom.1.a our Lorde.

13. Wee confesse that the same Sonne of God : Je-
c Col.1.b sus Christ : is the [c] verylike Beeinge of the liuinge
Heb.1.a God his Father ; through Whom, God the Father
d Gen.1.c hath [d] made and accomplished all his Woorke ; and
Iohn.1.a that Hee [namelie/the Sonne of God, Jesus Christ]
e Heb.1.a for-that-cause, beareth also all thinges [e] with the
Woord of his Powre : and maketh the Purginge of
our Sinnes/through hym-self.

The thirde Article.

14. Wee beleeue, that thesame Sonne of
God, is conceaued of the holye [f] Gost,
f Esa.7.b through the Powre of the Mosthighest :
Mat.1.c and borne of the holye [g] Virgin Marie.
Luk.1.d
g Luk.2.b
Gal.4.a 15. Wee confesse that thissame Sonne of God
; which is conceaued of the holie Gost / and borne of
the holye Virgin Marie ; is the true and promised
h Gen.22.b Seede : [h] and borne, to the Blessing of all Generati-
Rom.4.b. ons of the Earth/according to the Promises.
Gal.3.b

The fowrth Article.

16. We

16. WEe beleeue, that this holye Seede of Blessinge [namely/ E
thissame onlye Sonne of God, Jesus Christ/ our Lorde and Sautour/ [i] the Verylike-beeinge of God the Father] [k] hath suffered vnder [l] Pontius Pilate: was crucified/ [m] dead/ and buried: and descended to the Hell.

i Col.1.b
k Esa.53.a b
l Mat.27.b Luk.23 1.rim.6.b
m 1.Cor.15.a 1.Pet.2.c

17. Wee confesse/ that thissame Sonne of God (inasmuch as hee beareth all thinges with the Woorde of his Powre) [o] beareth also in vs our Sinnes/ and hath suffered; in all Obedience of the Woorde [p] of his heauenlye Father; the Death of the Crosse; in Reproch/ Blaspheamie/ Contempt/ and false [q] Defamation or Accusation; for our Sinnes cause: and that hee likewise; vnder the Obedience of the Loue of his Father; is gon before vs [r] thear-in/ for that wee should; in like-maner; [s] followe-after Him; vnder the Obedience of his Loue; in his Death of the Crosse/ to the Safemaking of vs from our Siñes: becom incorporated to him with his like [t] Death: and [v] baptised or washed; vnder the Obedience of the Beleef; in his Name or Safe-makinge. and burye eauenso; through the Beleef; the Olde-man; [x] which is destroyinge through the Lustes of Errour; / to the Forgeeuinge and Releassing of our Siñes/ through his Name or Safe-making/ To thend that wee mought eauenso; through [y] Jesus Christ; obtaine the Renewing of our Spirit and Minde/ in an vpright Life/ and the Resurrection from [z] the Dead/ with Christ/ in the Appeering of his [a] Maiestie. For when-as wee in such-sort becom [b] incorporated; as

n Heb.1.a
o Esa.53.b Iohn.1.d 1.Pet.2.c
p Phil.2.a
q Heb.12.a
r Phil.2.a 1.Pet.2.c
s Heb.5.b 1.Pet.2.c
t Rom.6.a. Phil.3.b
v Rom.6.a Col.2.b
x Ephe.4.c
y Act.4.b 1.Iohn.2.a
z Esa.26.c 1.Cor.15.c 1.Tes.4.b
a Mat.24.d Luk.17.c Act.1.b
b Ephe.4.b Col.2.b

Fellowe-members of Christ; into the Bodye of
e Mat.1.e Eph.5.e Christ/so is Christ then in like-maner e a Saulour of his Bodye or of his People from their Synnes/ accordinge to the Scripture.

18. And that is the vpright christian
d Mat.28.b Mare.16.b Baptisme, in the d Name of the Sonne/
e Heb.9.b and is the true Forgeeuenes and e Purginge of our Synnes/through Jesus Christ.

19. BEholde/ after this maner; as wee beleeue/ and do heere confesse or acknowledg; be-
f 1.Pet.1.a 3.e g Rom.11.c com wee rightlie f baptised in the Name of the Soñe/ and g incorporated or implanted; as Fellowe-members of Christ; into the Bodye of Christ and the Stocke of Jsraell/ To thend that wee should eauenso accordinge to the Trueth; as true Christians and an holye People of Jsraell, of the Seede of Abraham
h Mat.10.d Luk.12.a beare or carye his holy Name h confesse or acknowledg thesame Christ; as our Saulour; before Men and eauenso lyue and walke in his louelie vpright Beeinge.

20. WEe confesse likewise, that all such as do not imitate or followe-after Jesus Christ, in his Death of the Crosse; in all Obedience of the holie Woorde of Jesu Christ and of his holye Spirit of
i Rom.6.a b & 1.Cor.15.f Col.2.b Loue i/to the Vanquishing of the Sinne/the Death and the Hell/and to a Burying of all Jniquitie/ destroyinge Nature/and vngodlie Beeing;/or becom not eauenso baptised or wasshed in hys Name/nether-
k Rom.6.a l 2.Cor 4.b Gal.6.b yet beare the Death of the Sinne; k through the Death of the Crosse of Christ; in their l Jnwardnes Are no Christians/nor-yet baptised in the Name of Saluation of the Sonne.

21. Fo

21. For all Such as becom not baptised or washed in the Name of Jesu [that is/in the Sauing-health of his Death] to the mortifyinge [m] of the synfull Fleash/ according to the Inward-man / nether-yet indeuour them there-to: and yet neuertheless bost them to be Christians/ They are All false [n] Christians/ also lyinge, in all their Confessinge and Teaching/ Becausе they enter not in to the [o] Communialtie of the Sheepe of Christ, through the Death and co-incorporatinge of the Death of Christ [which is the right Doore of the Sheepfolde of Christ:] but breake-in som other way/and beleeue not the Saluation; or Sauing-health; of Jesu Christ.

m Rom. 6. a Gal. 5. c Col. 3. a

n Mat. 24. a Iohn. 8. c.

o Iohn. 10. c

p Rom. 6. a

The fifth Article.

22. WEe beleeue that the God of Abraham, hath [a] rayſed-vpp this his Sonne Jesus from the Dead / and that hee eauenso the thirde Daye, rose againe from the Dead: And appeered or made-manifest hym self vnto his [b] Frindes which loued him: shewing vnto them; through his Suffering and Death of the Crosse; the [c] Victorie ouer the Sinne / Death/ Deuell/ Hell/the Fleash/and the World.

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a Mat. 28. a Mat. 16. a Luk. 24. a b c Act. 1. 2. 3. 4

b Iohn. 20. 21 Act. 10. e 13 d e 1. Cor. 15. a

c Rom. 6 a b. c 1. Cor 15. f

23. Wee confesse, that noman can becom partaker with all the Holyons of God and Beleeuers of Jesu Christ; of the Resurrection of Christ / nor of the Resurrection from the Dead / or yet rise-vpp with the Holyons of God and Christ / but Such as indeuour themselues in the Beleef

a vnder the Obedience of the Loue of Jesu Christ; to becom implanted into Christ: the gratious Woord of the Lorde: and eauenso then to dye with Christ, in his d like Death / e as also to lay-away / slaye / and burye; through the Death of his Crosse; the Sinne in the Fleash / Wherby they may eauenso; out of the second Birth from the Dead; becom g renewed; in the Spirit of their Minde; in Jesu Christ.

d Rom.6.a Phil.3.b
e Rom.6.a b c 1.Pet.4.a
f Iohn.3.a Rom.6.a
g Ephe.4.c

24. Forther-through wee all obtaine and enioye; in the vpright h Righteousnes and Holynes which God esteemeth; the i Making-alyue from the Dead; namelie / with all the k Righteous / and Holyons of God; in the Daye l of the Resurrection: and inherit m the euerlasting Life.

h Luk.1.g Ephe.1.a 4.c
i Rom.8.b
k Esa.26.c Eze.36.c 37.b
l Oze.13.b Iohn.5.c 1.Cor.15.c
m Rom.6.c 8

The sixth Article.

25. WEe beleeue, that thissame Jesus (liteas the Scripture mētioneth therof) is n ascended into Heauen / sittinge at the o Right-hande of God, his almightie Father.

n Marc.16.b Luk.24.f Act.1.b
o Phil.2.a Col.3.a Heb.12.a

26. Wee confesse, that hee hath p taken-in the Heauē and q raigneth and ruleth essentiallie; in the heauenlie Beeing; with his Father / vntill that all his Enemies be laide vnder hys Feete: and that hee in lite-maner shall; in euery-behalf; take-in the Kingdom r / and all Dominion and Powre / and render it-all ouer vnto his Father / That God may eauenso be s all in all / accordinge to the Promises.

p Marc.16.b Act.1.b
q Psal.110.a Ephe.1.c
r 1.Cor.15.c
s Num.14.c 1.Cor.15.c

The seuenth Article.

27. We

27. Wee beleeue, that Jesus Christ shall come from thence [namely, from the t right Hande of God his Father, out of Heauen] to v iudge the Liuinge and the Dead.

t Act.1.b

v Mat.16.d24 25. Act.10.e 2.Timo.4.a 1.Pet.4.a

28. Wee confesse, that Hee will eauenso, in his Cominge; shewe-fourth his great Powre and Maiestie, and make-manifest, with Hym; the x Glorious-worldlynes of the many Thowsandes of his Holyons, in their Garnishing: possesse his Inheritaunce, with God his Father, and with all his Sainctes, in Triumph and perpetuall Joye; euerlastinglie: and iudge eauenso, with all his Holyons; as a righteous Judge of the Worlde, and all Nations, Generations, and Languages; according to the Trueth; with z Righteousnes.

X Luk.21. 1.Tes.4.b Iudæ.1.b

y Esa.3.b Sap.3.a Mat.19.e 2.Tes.1.a

z Act.17.d Iudæ.1.b

The eight Article.

29. WEe beleeue in the holie a Goste: and that Thesame, in the Oldnes of the b tyme (when the Dayes of the Pacīēce of Christ, in the Obedience of the holy and gratious Woord and his Seruice of Loue; are fulfilled) becometh c powred-fourth from the right Hand of God; through Jesus Christ. Samelie, ouer them all that haue d followed Christ, in his Death of the Crosse; obedientlie: and haue kept his Doctrine with the Woord of his Pacience, e eauen vnto the Ende [that is, which are passed-thorowe or haue accomplished the Passe-ouer with Christ, till vnto the seconde f Birth from the Dead, or vnto the new Lyfe of the true Beeing of Christ:] Which vpright Beleeuers, that followe-after Christ, in Death and Life;

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a Iohn.14.e 16 1.Iohn.5.a

b Iocl.2.c

c Act.2.c 10.e

d Mat.19.e

e Luk.22.c 24

f Mat.19.e Rom.6.a

g Act.1 a
h Iohn.3.a 7 d
i Act.2.c

Life; becom g baptised or washed ; through Christ; the pure and liuinge h Waters of the holy Goſt: and thoſesame ſhall alſo i becom powred-fourth ouer them ; with full Cleernes of God; aboundantlie.

30 For eauenſo, through the Sheadding-fourth of the Holy-goſt, ouer the vpright Beleeuers in Christ ; vnder the Obedience of the Loue of the holye Goſt doth Christ make-manifeſt k his holye Church : the l Communialtie of his Holyons : and eſtabliſheth on theſame, the Promiſes m of God his heauenly Father : and eauenſo plainly ſheweth, who are the right Christians. and in what maner-of-wiſe, they becom baptiſed ; vnder the Obedience of the Beleef of Jeſu Christ; in the Name of the holy n Goſt.

k Apo.21.a
l Act.2.a
Ephe.1.c 2.c
m. Gen.12.a 22

31. And that is the vpright christian Baptiſme, in the o Name of the holie Goſt and it is the true ſecond p Birth out of the holy Goſt the true Loue of God and Christ.

n Act.10.c
Ephe.1.b 4 d

o Mat.28.b
Act 2.a 2 a 10.c

p Iohn.3.a

32 WE confeſſe, that they all, whtch becom not grounded in thiſſame vpright Faith of Jeſu Christ, nor becom eauenſo baptiſed (as before mentioned in the firſt Article) in the Name of the Father ; vnder the Obedience of the Loue of the Father, and his Lawe ; : and (as is before mentioned in the fourth Article) in the Name of the Soñ ; vnder the Obedience of the Loue of the Sonne, and his Beleef ; : and (as is before mencioned in the eight Article) in the Name of the Holy-goſt ; vnder the Obedience of the Loue of the Holygoſt, and his Renewinge of the Life and Minde ; , Are no true Christians : And that they alſo all, that hoſt them ſelues

lues to be Christians, without thissame vpright faith and Baptisme, are dowtles false q Christians. q Mat.24.a c Luk 21.a

THerfore shall now, in thissame Daye of the Loue; the Woorde that the Lorde Jesus ath spoken, cõcerning the true Beleef and Baptisme, a Judge, also becom fulfilled and found very-ue. and make-knowen, the Beleeuers, from the Vn-leeuers.

. For verely, whoso beleeueth, and becometh r bap- r Marc.16.b sed, after this maner (like-as wee heere confesse or Act.1.a knowledg, according to the Woord of Jesu Christ; e vpright Faith and Baptisme), hee shall becom ued: but whoso beleeueth not, hee shall, according to e Woorde of Jesu Christ; becom s condemned. s Mar.16.b

. FOr-that-cause, let no-man bost him to be a Christian, that hath not, in the vpright aith; receaued the true Tokens of the Christianitie hat is, t that beareth or carryeth not the Name of the t Mat.28.c ather, and of the Soñe, and of the holy Gost, essenti- Mar.16.b llie and liuinglie; in hym: [Otherwise hee shall assu- Act.1.b 2.a dlie, in thissame Day of the Loue of the righteous v udgment; before all the Holyons of God, which are v Mat.25.d mprehended in the Communialtie of the Loue; be Rom.14.b unde false and lyinge. For the Woorde that the orde Jesus Christ hath spoken, x shall iudge hym, in x Iohn.12.d issame newest Daye.

The ninth Article.

. WEe beleeue One holie Church, a Cõmunialtie of Holions, which is Cõioyned-body of Christ or incorporated, through Loue, to Christ; and that the Sheadding-fourth

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a Iohn.17.c Rom.12.a 15.b 1.Cor.12.a Ephe.4.b b Ephe.1.c 5.c

of

c Act. 2. a. of the holie Goſt, comethtopaſſe; vnder the Obedience of the Loue; vpon Theſame. For, through the holy Goſt (wherwith ſhee is: in all Loue; anoynted

d Apo. 21. a blessed/and elected/to a ſanctified d Bryde of Chriſt: ſhee becometh named, One holie Communialtie of Holyons/which is the holye Conioyned-bodye of the Bodye of Jeſu Chriſt.

e Act 2. a 37. Wee confeſſe, that thiſſame One holy e Cōmunialtie (which becometh eauenſo; as is aboueſaide incorporated; through the Loue; into the Bodye of

f Iohn. 17. c Ephe. 4. b Jeſu Chriſt, as one f Bodye with hym· and baptiſed in his Sauing-health) is the true Chriſtiantie/and

g Apo. 21. a 22 the vpright holye g Church of Jeſu Chriſt: whervnto all People ſhould; of-right; aſſemble them; vnder the Obedience of the Loue; to their Bleſſing and Saluation/according to the Promiſes. For ſhee is

h Iohn. 14. b Apo. 21. a. Gods Maieſtie/or h the true Howſe of the Loue, for his Dwellinge/wherin God will haue Mercie on all People.

38. Whoſo now therfore aſſembleth hym not vnder the Obedience of the Loue; vnto theſame holie Church of Jeſu Chriſt: nether-yet ſubmitteth hym; humblelye; vnder theſame Maieſtie of God: but contemneth the Righteouſnes of God and the ſpirituall Guiftes and Riches of Chriſt: and

i 1. Tim. 4. a 2. Tim. 3. a 2. Pet. 2. 3. a ſo i turneth-away himſelf from the Communialtie of the Loue: the choſen Holyons of God: /hee ſheweth that hee is falſe of Heart/and ſtādeth-minded againſt God and hys holye Church: and bringeth eauen

k Iude. 1. b the Judgment k of his Condemnation, ouer hymſelf

The tenth Article.

39. We

9. WEe beleeue, the Forgeuenes of [l] Synnes. namelie/in thesame Com- l Mat.9 a 16 b
munialtie of Holyons / which standeth grounded in lohn.20.c
thissame vpright and godlie Beleef of Jesu Christ/ Act.13.c
and becometh baptised in thatsame holye Beeinge of
God aboue rehearsed. and wheare the [m] Loue hath m Col.3.b
obtayned the Victorie.

10. Wee confesse also, that no-man shall obtaine
Grace/ nor Forgeeuenes of Sinnes at Gods hande,
with-out thissame holie Communialtie of Christ. For
thissame is the holye Christiantie: the Famelye of
Loue: wherin God hymself [n] dwelleth / liueth / and n 2.Cor.6. b
walketh: and the true Communialtie of Israell, which Apo.21.a
raigneth with God and Christ, ouer all her Enemies.

The eleuenth Article.

11. WEe beleeue the [o] Resurrection o Esa.26.c
of the Fleash: Ezech.37.b

12. Wee confesse, that the Dead: which are disceas-
ed or fallen-asleepe in Christ; ryse-vpp [p] with their p Iohn.5.c
Bodies / and appeere with Christ, in his Glorye: 1.Cor.15.c d
Wherthrough the whole Howse of Israell, becometh 2.Cor.5.a
erected or restored in the last Daye/accordinge to 1.Tes.4.b
the Promises. q Ier.30.b 31.d
Eze.37.c

The twelfth Article.

13. AND wee beleeue one [r] euerlast- r Iohn.6.c 17.
inge Life. Amen.

44. Wee confesse that the same euerlasting Life, is
f Iohn. 1. a a true f Light of Men: and that God hath made and
1. Iohn. 1. a chosen him the Man heerto, that hee should liue in
t Gen. 1. c 2. a the same t Light, euerlastingly. It is very-true.
Sap. 1. b

The VIII. Chap.

A Prayer to God the Father, as Christ himselfe hath taught his Disciples to praye: before the which ther is set fourth, an Instruction touchinge the same Prayer.

A DEerelie beloued my louing Children, and thou Famelie of Loue; it appertayneth to the Holyons of God, in the Communialtie of Christ (which stand comprehended or grounded vnder the Obedience of the Loue; in the true Faith, like-as wee haue before mentioned: and that liue through Faith; in all Obedience and Concorde of the Loue) to call the almightie God of Life,
a Mat. 6. a Luk. 11. a their a Father: and to worshipp Him as their vpright Father; in the Spirit and Trueth, b through
b Iohn. 14. b 15 Christ.
c Iohn. 4. c
d Iohn. 3. a 2. For such c Worshippers are acceptable vnto the
2. Pet. 1. c Father, because they are his vpright Children and d
1. Iohn. 1. a borne or broughtfourth vnto Him through Christ; out
Iam 1. b of his godlie Kinde and good Nature.

B 3. TO the same beleeuinge Children and Disciples of the Woord of Jesu Christ (and not to the Children of the wicked Worlde) saith Christ eaten-thus, and teacheth them to praye a-right:

4. When yee praye, yee shall not make e many
e Mat. 6. a Woordes, as the Heathen do: For they suppose that they are hearde, when they make many Woordes.

Ther-

Therfore yee shall not make yourselues like vnto them. For your Father knoweth what is needfull for you/before yee pray vnto him: Therfore yee shall pray eauen-thus:

℣. OVr Father, which art in [f] the Heauens/hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done on Earth/ as in Heauen: [g] Geeue vs this Day our daylie Bread: And forgeeue vs our Debtes/ as wee forgeeue our Debtours: And leade vs not into Temptation: but de liuer vs from the Euell: (For thine is the [h] Kingdom/and the Powre/ and the Glorye, for euer-and-euer:) Amen.

f Mat.6.a b Luk.11.a

g Deu.8.a Mat.4.a Iohn.6.e

h Apo.4.b 5.b

The IX. Chap.

A Blessinge to the Lorde/ to be sayde, when one is satdowne at the Table to eate.

My beloued Children/ and thou Famelye of Loue: When yee are sat-downe at the Table to eate/ then bleese and laude; first-of-all; the Lorde, for all the Goodnes of his Guiftes: and feed eauenlo; in thankfulnes; on the Lordes Meate and Drinke/ all which hee hath; to our moderate repast; right-well blessed and hallowed. and saye eauen-thus:

A

Blesse the [a] Lorde, in all the Workes of his handes. For his Right-hand hath blessed and hallowed it all.

a Psal.145.b Dan.3.f

℣. Blessed be the Lorde, the Most-

b Iohn. 6.c
c Deut. 8.a
Math. 4.a
Iohn. 6.c

highest / which feedeth his People with [b] Meate and Drincke: and nourrisheth vs with his [c] Woord of Life; namely / his Communialtie of the Loue; in all good Blessinge. Amen.

d Pro. 1.a
Eccli. 1.b c. 2.c
e Iam. 1. 2 3 b
f Eccli. 39.c
1. Tim. 4.a
g Psal. 145.b
h Col. 3.c

3. O Lorde God heauenlie Father / nourtour our Heart in thy holte [d] Feare: and blesse vs with thy [e] Wisdom / that wee may blesse thee, in Righteousnes: and not misvse thy Guiftes, which wee [f] take to vs: but may receaue and enioye thosesame with thankfulnes; at thy bountifull [g] Hande / in thy holte Name / and in all Obedience [h] of the Loue / Amen.

The X. Chap.

A Thankes-geeuinge to the Lorde / to be sayde after our Repast.

My beloued Childzen / and thou Famelye of Loue: when yee now haue eaten and dzonke / and; according to your necessarye-behooke; are resonablie satisfied: then laude and thanke alwayes the Lorde, for all his Goodnes which hee is daylye shewinge on you / and on all the Childzen of Loue. and saye esuen-thus:

a Psal. 106. 136
b Deut. 8.a
Iohn. 6.c

A Thanke the [a] Lorde, which liueth euerlastinglie / and prayse Hym for all the Guiftes of his Goodnes. For with his [b] Woorde of Life, feedeth hee daylie our Soules, in the Seruice of his Loue: And geeueth

c Mat. 6.
1. Tim. 6.b

our naturall [c] Manhode his Foode and Clothinge as also all what is needfull for vs.

2. Therfore praise our God / and extoll his holie Name: for his Great-mightynes endureth for euermore. Amen.

3. Wee thanke and praise thee / O Lorde God heauenlie

uenlie Father: O thou true God; for all thy Goodnes. For thy Blessinge is alwayes ouer vs, in thy Howse of Loue/and thou guydest vs: Therin; with thy [d] Right-hand. d Esa.41.b 42.

4. In the-same Howse, thou retoyncest also our Soules, with thy [e] Woord/and sattisfiest our Bodyes with thy Foode. e Deut.4.a 32 Psal.136.c 145 Mat.6.c d

5. Wheare is-ther then such a [f] God, as our God of Loue/which is so Almightie: and such a Godseruice, as the mostholie God-seruice of his Loue/which is so louelie/and teacheth vs so vprightlie? f Deu.4.a

6. Laude/[g] Honour/Prayse/and Thankesgeeuing/ be to that God euerlastinglie/which hath: out of his bountifull Goodnes; prepared all this for vs: and geeueth vs ther-to his euerlastinge [h] Lyfe/Amen. g Apo.4.b 5.7 h Iohn.6.e 19

The XI. Chap.

A good Exhortation/wherwith H. N. informeth his Children/and the Famelie of Loue/and teacheth them to the good and louelye Life of Peace. Which Exhortation is also verye profitable and conuenient for all Howse-fathers, in the Comunialtie of the Loue/for to vse and employ theselame to the Seruice and good Document of their Children or youngons.

MY lounge Children/and thou A Famelie of Loue: [a] geeue-eare to mee/your Father/and lyue accordinge to my Doctrine/that it may go-well with you. a Eccli.3.a

For [b] the Lorde will haue the Father honoured of the Children: And what the Mother biddeth or cõmaundeth the Children to doo/that will hee haue kept. b Eccli.3.a EXo.20.b Ephe.6.a

2. For-that-cause/encline your Eares [c] to the Woordes of my Mouth/and bowe your Vnder- c Pro.2.a 4.

standing to my Information. Geeue alwayes eare
d Pro.1.a 4.a to your Father. d And looke also that yee contemne not your Mothers Counsell and Information. Take-heede to my Doctrine. And all what I (out of Loue) doo setfourth / teach / and exhort you vnto / that print (to a Seale of Life / or a Witnes of the
e Pro.4.b Trueth) in your Heartes. For it e is your Life.
f Esa.48.b 51 b 3. Feare the Lorde, the almightie f God / which
g Psal.105.14 c hath made Heauen and Earth. Praise his Excel-
Apo.15.a 19 a lentie: and geeue all Laude / Praise / and Honour, vnto his holie Name. For Hee is a God of all Life / eauen a God which geeueth you the Spirit
h Psal.104.c or h Breath.
Esa.42.a 4. Haue therfore now a Lust (with all your Heart) to serue thesame God / and to do his Will. And although yee knowe not his Excellentie / ne-
i Psal.37.a ther-yeat can confesse Hym (as hee is a God) according to his Cleernes / yet i set your confidence (neuertheless) on Hym: and hope alwayes vpon his Goodnes.

B 5. My Children in the Loue / submit
k Pro.1.a 3.a your Soules vnder the k Counsell of the
Eccli.6.c Wisdom: and be not (in any-case) l obstinate / as is
l EXod.17. the wicked Nature of the corrupt World: but receaue
Psal.59.b my Doctrine in Lowelynes / To thend that the Wisdom / with her verteous Nature of the Loue, may be-
m Iam.1.c com m planted in you with Meekmindednes.
6. And therfore / To thend that yee maye inherit these holie Treasures of the godlie Riches / so geeue-ouer all your Will and Counsell, in the Will and Counsell of the Priestes (your Elders). For they (Infourme or direct you to the same Life of Righte-ousnes: and are seruiceable to you (with the godly

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Documentes; therunto.

7. For-that-cause, see that yee [n] loue the Priestes, your Elders / as your owne Soule: and be [o] obedient vnto them, in their Teachinge and Orders. Contend not [p] murmure not against them: nether-yet deale or behaue yourselues towardes them, in any Hypocrisie or [q] Doublenes of heart: but let all your Counsailes / Enterprises / Purposes / Will / and deedes (whether they be then secreat or manifest) appeere; at all tymes; naked and bare [r] before your Elders.

n 1.Tes.5.b 1.Tim.5.b
o Heb.13.c
p Exo.16.a Num.11.a16.a
q Eccli.1.d 2.3
r Eccli.4.e

8. After this maner, my beloued Children; let all your Conuersation or Walkinge, be [s] in the Feare of the Lorde: and consent [t] in no-case; to the Euell, at any tyme.

s Prob.4.b

9. Also, keepe not companye with the Craftie and Wicked / that yee becom not seduced by them, to cõmit anything that is vnlawfull / [t] or to vse any inordinate-dealinge with them: nor-yet likewise enterprise you by your-selues, the doing of any vncombly thinge: but indeuour you to order your Life and Walking, [v] according to the Lawe of the Lorde / like-as it becometh the Children which feare God, for to do.

t Pro.1.a 7.b Sap.2.a 14.c
v Psal.1.a

10. Take alwayes good-heede to your [x] Thoughtes / that they at no tyme conceaue anye [y] Newes / or applye them to the studye of any new Inuention: but holde them in the Bridle / accordinge to the Lawe of the Lorde: and keepe-well your Heartes, from the [z] vntisinge Sinne.

x Pro.4.e Sap.1.a
y Ier.4.a
z Heb.11.a

11. [C] Yee Children / younge of yeares / and yee Youngmen of little Vnderstanding / geeue-eare to the Wisdom [a] and Doctrine of your Father: and take his Instruction to heart.

a Pro.1.a

12. Flee from the vaine or vnprofitable Thinges
b 4.Esd.2.d 2.Pet.1.a of the b wicked World: and seperate you from thence, where men deale with falshod and deceit. But haue regarde to the Instructions and Intelligence of the godlie Vertues: and growe vpp cauenso, till vnto the
e Ephe.4.b c Oldnes of the holye Vnderstandinge.

d Ier.6.b 13. CONsider also on the olde d Wayes of the holie Fathers/ and take you their Doctrine to heart: and dispise not their Institutions. but perseuer firmelie therin/ So shall yee then bide well defend-
e Ier.33.c d Ezech.13.b ed/ from all the Seducinge e of the false Teachers/ and from all New-inuentions of Men (which diuide and intangle themselues in so manifolde Sectes or Schysmes): and liue; without Feare; in the vpright Righteousnes.

14. If yee then applye your Heartes heer-vnto/
f Psal.35.a57 yee shall bee well preserued from the f Snares of the Wicked/ and from the Infelicitie of the Vngodlie.

15. FOr-that-cause/ seperate you; with whole
g 1.Tes.5.b 2.Tim.3.a Heart; from euery-thinge that hath any apparaunce of Euell: and thinke alwayes vpon that which is right and resonable.

h Psal.37.a Esa.30.a b i Mat.12.d Ephe.4.c 16. Let your Fourth-going be in h stillnes, with fewe Wordes: and occupy your Mouth i with comblie and fruitfull Talke.

17. Shut without your Heartes, the lightminded
k Ephe.5.a Behauiour/ k with all his Wantonnes and fonde
l Sap.1.a D Toyinge: and loue the Constantie.

m Mat.11.c n Eccli.7.b 1.Pet.5.a o Sap.1.a Mat.10.b p Ephe.4.e 18. Let your Fearing l of the Lord, be in m Lowelynes: your Loue toward God, n in Humilitie: and your Vnderstanding, o in all Singlenes of Heart.

19. Let not the Lyes p or Falshod be witnessed or
spoken of you: but loue the Trueth and Righteous-

nes-

nes, with all your Heart.

20. BVt if yee chaunce to offende, in committing any Misdeede, yet [r] binde not: in any case; your Heart theron: nether-yet feare you or be ashamed, [s] to confesse the same before God [t] and the Priestes [u] your Elders [x]: but let it all appeere: apparantlie; before Them. r Eccli. 5. a s Eccli. 4. c d 17 t Pro. 28. b Esa. 29. b Ier. 23. c u 4. Esd. 16. g x Ezec. 18. d 33

21. Which Discoueringe and Confessinge of your Synnes: with a [y] sorrowe-bearing and repentant Heart; / shall be a Testymonye on your syde, that yee loue not the Synne, nor-yet desire to stand-pliable to her Will. y Pro. 28. b

22. For whoso [z] confesseth and leaueth his Misdeede, hee shall obtayne Mercye: [a] But whoso keepeth-silence therof, also bindeth his Heart theron, and for-that-cause; couereth or hideth the same, hee is a Craftyone, and a Deceauer, in his Spirit. z Pro. 28. b a Psal. 32. a

23. IF yee therfore at anytyme fall into the Synne, so sigh vnto God, beseeching hym to be [b] mercifull vnto you: and make-manifest your-selues to the Wyse [c] your Elders [d] vnder the Obedience of the Loue: and bewayle your Transgressing, and Ignoraunce, or Frailtie, / So will God then be mercifull vnto you. E b Luk. 18. a c Leui. 13. 14. a d Mat. 8. a Luk. 5. b 14. a 17 Iam. 5. b

24. And eauenso; through the Grace of God; the Elders in the Communialtie of the Loue, shall [e] receaue or help you vp againe; in the Repentaunce for your Synnes; from your fall of the Sinne, and infourme and teach you, through the Seruice of the holie and grattous Woord, / To thend that yee may increase; with holy Vnderstandinge; in the verteous Beeinge of the Loue, and so growe-vpp ther-in, to a Strength against the Sinne. e b Gal. 6. a

25. Thus doing with singlenes of heart/yee shall not becom chastised/as Disobedientons: but much-more commended/as goodwilling Children/which haue a Lust vnto the good Life.

26. For/in the Confessinge of the Misdeede (of such-a-one as is with a sorowfull and repentaunt Heart; bewayleth and accuseth hym self therof) e ther becometh Grace founde before God and his Holyons.

e 2.Reg.12.b Esa.55.a Ioel.2.b Ionæ.2.3 Mat.8.b

27. But Such as are euell of will/and haue a pleasure in their owne Minde or Goodthinkinge; which alwayes maketh-vpp itself against the Loue and her vpright Seruice;/and therfore d hyde their Wickednes/and turne-away themselues from the Communitaltie of the Holyons in the Loue/They are well worthy of Chastisement. It shall likewise not fayle to worke them Woe, when they are founde in their wicked Woorkes: and reproued or chastised for the same.

d Pro.1.a 28.b Esa.29.b 4.Esd.16.g

28. Howbeit/not that it shall worke them Woe, because they haue dealt euel or vniustly: but, because they are reproued or corrected for their Wicked-doinges/ and that their wicked Heartes becom e made-knowen vnto them. But/whoso humbleth himself vnder the Correction and Chastisinge-erudition/and eauenso sheweth Repentaunce f for his Sinnes/ Thesame shall obtaine Mercie and Forgeeuenes of Sinnes.

e Act.7.f

f 2.Reg.12.b Mat.3.a Act.2 d 3 c

29. Therfore; my louinge Children; refuse not the chastisinge Erudition: but submit alwayes nour Heartes, g vnder the fatherlie Correction and Discipline/wherwith yee are taught and infourmed, to Amendment/To thend that yee maye obtaine a pure

g Pro.1.c 3.b Heb.12.b

a pure Heart, in all Loue.

30. And feare not nether-yet be you abashed, to confesse your Sinnes and Transgressions namelie, to the Elders, which are comprehended in the Communaltie of the Loue, also doo administer the holie Woorde, and infourme and teach you, out of the Seruice of Loue, vnto the good Life.

31. LOue therfore these Elders [h] your Foregoers in the Loue, with all your Heart. And although they setfourth your Sinnes and Transgressinge before your Eyes, or make them knowen vnto you, yet withdrawe not yourselues, for-al-that, from them: but geeue, at all tymes, good eare to their Doctrine and Information. For they [i] warne you, out of hartie Loue, of the Waye that leadeth to your Destruction.

h 1. Thes. 5. b
1. Tim. 5. b.
Heb. 13. b

i Ezech. 3. 33. a

32. And like-as a Mother is carefull ouer her Children, lest any harme should chaunce vnto them, or any Misfortune com vpon them: Euen so do they watch and take-care ouer your [k] Soules, to your Preseruation and Saluation.

k Heb. 13. e

33. BVt, when-as yee now are holpen-vpp and receaued-to-mercye, to your Amendement, in the Seruice of the Loue, by your Elders, through the Vnderstäding of the gratious Woorde, from your Fall of the Sinne: [l] So feare then from that tyme fourth, to synne anye-more: but, at all tymes, inclyne your Heart and Minde, for to be obedient vnto the godly Trueth, in her Seruice of the Loue: and cause not your Elders to sorowe. For an obedient Chylde [m] reioyceth his Father: and is a Joye, in the beholdinge of his Mother.

l Eccli. 5. a 11.

m Pro. 10. a 15

34. Beholde

34. BEholde / this is / assuredlie / a great De-
lectation / to the Elders / and a godlye
Peace / for the Youngons and Children.

35. Such a Famelye of Peace / God will blesse / and
n Esa. 60. c shyne therin alwayes and for-euer / with his n Light
Apo. 21. a 22 a of Loue / as also make his o Dwelling with the same:
o Iohn. 14. b For It is p very-acceptable vnto Hym.
2. Cor. 6. b
p Pro. 8. d

36. Yea to such a godfearing Famelye / vnder the
q Pro. 1. a 2 a Obedience of the Loue / it is geeuen / to q vnderstand
Sap. 1. a Gods secreat Wisedom: and the holye Vnderstand-
inge shall flowe vnto the same.

37. The Fourth-going therof / shall be in all Loue-
lynes / Felicitie / and Welfare: and God / the Most-
r Leui. 26. b highest / will also r dwell / lyue / and walke in the same /
2. Cor. 6. b euerlastinglie / according to his Promises.
Apo. 21. a

38. DMy Children / which I loue in the Loue
heer-vnto [namelie / vnto all that wher-to
s Pro. 1. a 4 a I exhort / teach / and instruct you] applye your
Heartes / and all your Mindes and Thoughtes /
t 1. Tim. 4. a Exercise you daylye in t these good Documentes: and
occupye yourselues in the holie Scripture.

39. Glasse your Beeing and Minde / v in the
v Iam. 1. a Glasse of Righteousnes: and beholde therin / how
manye Spottes and Wrinkels ther are yeat in you.

40. When yee now haue x inseene and perceaued
x Iam. 1. c your Spottes / and all what is not conformable to
the pure Bryde of Christ: so passe then thorowe the
Communialtie of Holyons in the Loue / and haue
your communion [or vniforme-societie] with Thesame /
y Esa. 55. a and becom eauenso wasshed y in her pure Waters
Ezech. 36. c [namely / in the pure z Waters of the holy Spirit of
z Iohn. 4. b 7 d Loue] / To thend that yee may becom purified or pur-
ged / in all your Spirit and Minde.

41. Be

41. BVt see that yee loue and imbrace the Wisedome, aboue all Treasures and lawdable or costlie [a] Riches of this World. For ther is no-maner of Bewtie to be compared vnto her/nor-yet anye Treasure or [b] costlie Riches to be valewed by her: Therfore doth Shee, of Worthynes-part; excell it all far-awaye.

a Pro.3.b

b Pro.3.b 8.b Sap.7.a Mat.13.

42. Seeinge then that the Wisedom: the holye Vnderstandinge of the gratious Woorde of the Lorde: is the bewtifullest/ richest [c]/ worthyest/ and aboue all thinges; the most-pretious/ Therfore appropriate and bind-fast theron/ [d] your Heart/ Soule/ and Minde/ so shall yee then assuredlie finde in experience/ that the Band or the Appropriatinge to the Wisedom/ shall becom a great and a true Freedom vnto you.

c Pro.8.b Sap.7.a

d Pro.4.a

43. For I saye vnto you verely/ that the [e] Trueth or Christ, maketh none other free/ but Such as haue espowsed or bound-fast their Hearte to the Wisdom [the which is the Trueth or Christ hymself]: and that [f] abide eauenso, in the Seruice of the Loue; in her Doctrine. For her Children or Disciples, which persteuere-constant in the Woord of her Doctrine, receaue and inherit the holye [g] Spirit of the most-high God. Therfore is also the [h] Spirit of the holy Vnderstandinge, comprehended in the Wisedom.

e Iohn.8.d

f Iohn.14.b 15 Iam.1.c

g Act.2.a

h Sap.7.c

The XII. Chap.

The Children doo demaund-question of the Father, touching the vpright Wisedom: wheruppon a right singulae Resolution/ and sundry groundlie Declarations, are answered. and whereby also many good Documentes are taught: with certen Admonitions conserning the Destruction.

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A INstruct vs; wee beseech thee; our Father: What/ or what-maner-of-thinge, this vpright Wisedom is / wherof thou speakest?

The Father.

a Iam. 3. b
b Sap. 7. c
c Iam. 3. b

2. THe vpright [a] Wisedom, is one-onlie: also manifolde/subtile/eloquent/ noble/[b] pure/ or vnspotted / louing all Good or Vertue: Shee is [c] meekminded / frindlie / beneficiall/ courteous / gratious/ firme/certaine or sure/sweete/constant/ free/ and is able to do al-thing: hauing all Vertue / fore-seeing al-thinge/and which receaueth and passeth- thorowe all Spirites of Vnderstandinge. For the Wisedom is subtiler/then all subtile thinges: and shee excelleth it all, because of her Purenes.

d Sap. 7. c

3. Shee is a subtile [d] Breath or Winde of the Powre of God/and a pure outflowinge Cleernes of the Almightie. Therfore also ther cometh not in her [e] anything that is defiled.

e Apo. 21 a 22.

f Sap. 7. c

4. This Wisedom is a Brightnes of the eternal and true Light / and an [f] vnspotted Glasse of the godlie Powre/ the Maiestie of God/and an Imaige of his Goodnes.

g Sap. 7. c

5. Although now Shee be but one-onlie/yet doth shee Al-thinge: [g] and bydinge in Herself, shee renewet all thinge: also shee conuayeth herself about; through the Nations; in the holie Soules / and maketh to God, Frindes / and Propheates. For God louet none, but such as inhabit with the Wisedom.

h Sap. 7. c

6. Shee passeth also the Sunne, in glorious

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Cleernes: shee far surmounteth, all the Comlye-order of the Starres: and the Day is not to be compared vnto her.

. The Day geeueth-place to the Night: [i] but the Iniquitie can neuermore subdue the Wisedom: For shee reacheth valiantlie [k] from one Ende to another/ and gouerneth All things well. i Sap.7.c k Sap.8.a

. Wherfore [l] my Children; seeinge that B the Wisedom [m] of Worthynes parte; excelleth al-thinge/ so loue her also [n] aboue al-thinge: and walke [o] in the same; vprightlie, in the Feare of the Lorde, all the Dayes of your Life: and dispose all your Affayres with Leuitie or Sweetnes. For that shall worke you Softnes and Welfare/ prolonge your Life/ reioyce your Minde [p]/ and refreash your Bones. l Sap.7.a m Pro.3.b 8.b n Pro.3.a

. So doinge/ your Soules shall com to the [q] Rest/ and your Spirit becom comforted in God. The Destruction shall not raigne ouer you: but the Peace of God the Father shall inhabit with you. o Heb.4.b

. Oh/ take that therfore [r] to Heart, wher-to I instruct and teach you/ To thend that yee may becom Vnderstandinge. p Pro.4.a

. Exercise your-selues in the [s] Lawe of the Lorde: loue well his Preceptes and Statutes: and euenso with diligence, haue a sharpe regarde vnto all that [t] which is iust and right/ so shall yee not then direct your course, in any ignorant zeale. but vnderstand/ knowe or comprehend, what-maner of Righteousnes God requireth. q Psal.1.a Deut.5. r Phil.4.a

. Endeuour you likewise, to shew-fourth an vpright and seemelye [u] Conuersation amonge all People. s Phil.1.b 4.a 1.Pet.2.b

13. And

13. And where-euer yee com or dwell / theare submitt you obedientlie vnder the Rulours or Maiestrates [t] of thesame Land: and shewe all Reuerence vnto them.

t Rom.13.a
1.Pet.2.b

14. Be discreet and orderlie, in all your Conuersation or Walking: and geeue also Commendacion and Prayse to the Gouernours of this World: [v] For they are ordayned by God / to all good Gouernment on the Earth.

v Sap.6.a
Rom.13.a

15. Therfore speake not euell by any Rulours: For they are Gods [x] Ministers / to the Protection and Welfare of the Communaltie.

x Sap.6.a
Rom.13.a

16. Vnder these-same Rulours; seeing that they beare and execute such an Office; liue [y] subiectlike / and peaceablie: and turne-away your Heart, from all vayne or vnprofitable Dealinges and Foolishnes.

y Rom.13.a

17. For the foolish [z] Vnseemlynes or Disorderlynes, is an abhominatiō before the highest God / and a seducing of the Thoughtes of Men: [a] withdrawing their Heartes from all good Ordinaunces.

z Ephe.5.a
a 2.Tim.2.b

18. For-that-cause; my Children; becom [b] not like vnto the World, in her Foolishnes and Disorder: but exhort daylie one-another to the good Beeing, in all Loue. also to all Stilnes / and chaste or discreet Orderlynes / with vpright [c] Conuersation and shut out of your Heartes / all wicked Desires.

b Rom.12.a
c 1.Pet.2.b 3 b

19. Shewfourth [d] Pacience in like-maner / in your Temptation or Assalting to the euell-thinges: and praye vnto [e] God in the Spirit, that hee will be your Healper / and release or ridde you out of all the Temptations of the wicked Thinges which so assault you. To thend that yee at no-tyme fall to any euell / nor yet commit any [f] inordinate Dealinge / wherby yee

d Eccli 2.a
Heb.12.a
e Mat.26.e
f Tob.4.b

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houlde come into the Snares of their Destruction.
ut that yee maye become releassed ther-from / for to walke in all Trueth. g Math.6.b Luk.11

20. Moreouer / when yee stand-disposed to implo your-selues to the right Godseruice / or to doo anye good Woorkes; wherin yee serue the God of Life / or your Neighboure; / so execute you then the-same with all diligence of Heart. C h h 2.cor.8.b

21. Fayne or couer you not therin in any-case / as seeking after the apparaunce of the Eye; i to please Men therwith: but doo and purpose thesame / out of all your Soule and Thoughtes / that yee walke not deceitfullye / with false k Heartes / nor deale falslie against God or his Godseruice: and so l forsake the Lawe of the Lorde. i Mat.6.a k Mat.23.a b c l Esa.5.c

22. Therfore keepe your Heartes pure or vnspotted from the Hipocrisie or m Doubbleues of heart. For / to deale hypocriticallie towardes the vpright Vertues and Godseruices / or to haue therin a double Heart, is a seducing Sine / that God leaueth not n vnpunished. m Eccli.2.b 3. n Act.5.a

23. If yee then will not that the Wrath of God should come or fall vpon you / so deale o faithfullie before God and his Holyons: and walke with your Spirit, in the louelie and verteous Beeinge: o Act.5.a

24. Fasten your Minde therto: and buylde your Righteousnes theron. For that is an eternall fast-standinge p Foundation / wher-on all Gods Prophe ates q and Holyons haue buylded: and is Christ hymself. p Mat.7.b 1.Cor.3.b q Ephe.2.e

25. Seeinge then that the verteous Beeing of the Loue or of God, is the true Foundation of all the Holyons of God / the Wisedom of the Most highest / and Christ hymself: so esteeme thesame

therfore for much worthyer, [r] then Golde and Siluer.
r Pro. 3. b 8. b Mat. 13.
For ther is no Riches, [s] of so great price / nor Pretious-stones, so pretious / that ; of Worthynes part; are to be compared vnto The same.
s Sap. 7. a

26. Therfore espowse your Soules to the same: and haue your communion therwith. For the Cleernes or Illumination of the same verteous Beeing, is the true [t] Light of the godlie Wisedom: hys Foode, the lyuing [v] Bread of the heauenlie Beeing: and his Prudence, the holie Vnderstanding of the godlie Trueth.
t Iohn. 1. a 8. 12
v Iohn. 6. e

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27. Wherfore / if yee will gouerne well, with the [x] Scepter of the godly Kingdom: and if yee desire that Honour / Might / and Riches mought abounde towardes you / [y] then seeke first ; before all thinges; the vpright and verteous Beeinge of the Loue or of God: and walke therin / so shall then Al-thinges ; sufficientlie; be brought vnto you.
x Psal. 2. b
y Mat. 6. d

28. But beware of the bewitched [z] Vertues / which are common with the Worlde / and are intermixed with Foolishnes and Vncomblynes: For all Such as take those-same in-hand / or communicate therwith / They [a] looke-into or esteeme the inordinate Dealinges ; according to the Lustes of their fleashlie Desyres; for right amiable Vertues.
z Mat. 6. a 23. a
a Sap. 2. a 14. e Rom. 1. e

29. Through which false Vertues / they take vnto themselues the Releassinge of the Heart from the Lawe of the Lorde, [b] to their Freedom / for to lyue eauenso in the Lustes of their Fleash, according to their Will / or according to the same that the Knowledg ; agreeinge with their fleashlie Desires; figureth-fourth in them: the which is a false and inordinate Freedom.
b Rom. 1. e 2. Pet. 2. b Iudæ. 1. b

30. These false and bewitched Vertues, are well to be knowen[c] by their Nature: For there is no Feare of God / nor yet true Beeinge, by them. And therfore also the vpright Wisedom / nor the true Light, becometh not declared through them. [c] Mat. 7. b 12

31. For the self-elected Vertue / with her foolish Loue, accordinge to the Fleash / is vtterlie blinde and without vnderstandinge / seeinge her Selfnes, in all her Dooing. And not, the Lorde / nor his true Beeing.

32. But the [d] Feare of the Lorde / and the Lawe of his Commaundementes, teach-men the vpright Vertue. For / in the Ende of their Waye or Doctrine, they bring the Man in all good and well-exercised Mindes / and to the true [e] Freedom / wherthrough the Wisdom of God [the true Beeinge / and the holy Vnderstandinge] becometh made-manifest and all Vnrighteousnes put-downe and vtterly rooted-out. [d] Pſal. 111. b Pro. 1. a Eccli. 1. b c d [e] Iohn. 8. d

33. Therfore harken-to and beleeue thissame Seruice of the holie Woorde / and the Ministers of thesame / which administer and setfourth / vnder the Obedience of the Loue; the true Lawe of the Lorde / and the Feare of God, before the Children of Men / to their Life and Saluation: and [f] submit your Heartes ther-vnder / vntill that the Loue / which is the vpright [g] Beeinge of Christ himself; haue a Shape in you: and com eauen so to the vpright Freedom / whervnto wee are called through Jesus Christ. For whoso becometh made-free of the Loue / the [h] Trueth of the true Beeinge of Christ / / Thesame is become righelie / or accordinge to the Trueth; made-free. E [f] Eccli. 4. b 6. a [g] Gal. 4. b [h] Iohn. 8. d

34. Therfore followe-after the Good/in his Goodnes: and [i] depart/from all what is vngodlie.

35. Forsake all straunge Wayes/which are without the Howse of Loue/or that leade ether shewe-men any other-where: and harken not to nor beleeue anye other Seruice nor Information/but that which directeth or pointeth you, to the [k] Obedience of the gracious Woord/and to the [l] Vnitie in the Loue.

36. For ther is nothing better/ther shall likewise no better thing com nor appeere/then the [m] Loue, with the Administration of her louely Beeinge.

37. FOr-that-cause then; my beloued Children; I haue onlye your respect bent to the vndeceaueable Seruice/which becometh administred by the [n] Auncientes or Elders in the Howse of Loue; to the Edifying and Salvation of the People; according to the Lawe of the Most-highest: and submit all your Minde and Vnderstandinge thervnder.

38. For God hath chosen-hym the Howse of Loue and his Seruice of the holie and gratious Woorde, to his Habitacion/and to an eternall Glorye of his godlie Maiestie. For his holie Name, shall; alwayes and for-euer; becom [o] hallowed/magnified/and declared/in Thesame/to an holy [p] Blessinge for all Generations of the Earth: namelye, which [q] beleeue in the Loue/also addict or geeue themselues obedientlye to her Seruice/and cleaue vnto the Famelye of Loue/in the mayntayning of Concorde.

39. For that is verelye the Kingdom [r] of Peace which God; in tymes-past; hath promised to make manifest and erect vpon the Earth/to an euerlasting [s] Reast and Peace of the Howse of Israell and Juda.

40. Thissame Kingdom of Peace and of Loue

i 1.Cor.6.b Apo.18.a

k 1.Pet.1.b
l Ephe.4.a Col.3.a

m 1.Iohn.4.a 1.Cor.13.a

n Deut.17.18.

o Mat.6.b
p Gen.22.b
q Iohn.3.b

r Esa.9.a 11.a Dan.2.e

s Ier.23.a 31.33

shall, through the Administration of the gratious Woord of the Lorde; t spread-abrode and make-manifest the Fulnes of the Light and Life, ouer the whole World: and call and bid all People, to their Preseruation; ther-vnto/ To thentent that all Kingdomes of this World, should assemble them to this One Kingdom of Peace and of Loue. and that wee all mought eauen so, liue, concordablie and peaceablie; in all Loue/ to the Laude and Prayse of the supreame God. and to the Joye and Saluation of all the Children of Men. t Mat.24.b Marc.13.

41. BEholde/those are the Promises of God the Father, ouer his Howse of Loue/ wherin hee will v dwell and walke, alwayes and for-euer. v Leui.26.b 2.Cor.6.b

42. Which Communialtie of thesame Howse, is Gods chosen People of Israell: and Hee himself with them, is x their God/ and will likewise byde their God, from Generation to Generation/ euerlastinglye. Apo.21.a X Ier.24.a 31 d Ezec.37.c

43. And if it chaunce that they transgresse in anything/ so will hee then (likeas a gratious Father preuenteth and nourtereth his louing Children, with Correction and Teaching) chasten/ y teach/ and infourme them. But hee will neuermore withdrawe his Grace and Mercye from them. y 1.Paral.5. z Psal.89.c d

44. THerfore, my beloued Children; estraunge you not/ nor turne-away yourselues, from the Howse of Loue. For ther is in Thesame the a Stoole-of-grace, to an euerlastinge Remission of Sinnes, ouer all such as cleaue ther-on: and to a Peace and b Rest of the Life, for all such as humble them therunder. a Heb.5.a b Heb.4.b

45. Heere to/ let all your Heartes stand-submitted: and flie c the Shadowe of the wicked World. c 4.Esd.2.d 1.Cor.7.d

Walke vprightlie both before God and Men: and
d 1.Tes.4.a eschewe d all Deceit.

G 46. AND if yee now indeuour your Heartes
heerto/and desire nothing-els, but to liue
in the good Beeing of God: so shall then no Ignoraunce seduce you/nether-yet shall yee becom intangled or captiued by anye false e Sectes/or deuided and
e Mat.7.b 16.a
f Col.2.c discordable f Holynes/nor-yet by any false Heartes of the Scripturelearned. For God shall make-knowen vnto you, in the Seruice of the Loue; all g bandes and
g Psal.91.a b
Esa.4.a Seducinges, tendinge to Destruction: and nothing, needfull to Saluation; shall be wantinge vnto you.

47. For God hymself, will, as a Light of Life; be daylie/and at all tymes, at your Right-hand/for to
h Leuit.26.a
Deut.28.a h blesse and prosper you, in all your Doinges/To thend that it may chaunce-well vnto you/and so haue Joye all your Life longe.

48. But if-so-be now that yee dispise my Counsalle/receaue not my Doctrine/nor-yet feare God: but geeue-ouer your Heartes, for to liue in all that
i Ier.7.c which i seemeth-good or is wel-pleasing to your owne selues/and followe-after the maner of the wicked
k 1.Iohn.5.c World, which is k full of Falshod and Deceipt/So fore-tell I you then assuredly, that all Infelicitie shall
l Leuit.26.b
Deu.28.b l incompasse you/and, in all your Wayes; hange ouer your Heads/for that it mought destroye you. And yet yee shall not see nor perceaue, in all those your erringe
m Gen 7.8.a
Pro.1.c
Mat.24.c
Luk.17.d Fourth-goinges; your Infelicitie and Thraldom, before that it go very-euell with you/m and that yee haue brought your-selues into much calamitie and miserye: and cannot find how for to com againe into the Way of Life.

49. This shall, without falle; fall vpon you/If-so-be
tha

that yee dispise the Wisdom / [n] contemne the Lawe of the Lorde / and take not to heart the Instruction of your Father: but geeue-ouer yourselues to the vayne or vnprofitable Thinges. n Deut.28.b e

30 Therfore, take now myne Instructiō to heart: and consider theron: construe it to the best: and keepe it well [o] in your Mindes and Thoughtes: and take eauen so good-heede betimes, vnto all That wherwith I haue exhorted you to the good Beeinge and warned you of all Destruction / To thende that yee should lyue. o Deut.6.a 11. Pro.3.a 4.a

31. Howbeit, if yee will not receaue my Counsell and Doctrine / but followe-after your owne Counsaile [p] and Goodthinking / So will I then also: both before God / and before you all; [q] cleere myself, of all the Miserye and Calamitie that shall com vpon you. p Ier.7.44.b q Deut.4.c 30. Act.20.c

32. For loe / I am: doutles; [r] vngiltie of all your Infellicitie / because I haue so-much and sufficientlie, exhorted and infourmed you to the good Life / as also warned you of the Destruction: and yee haue not willed to heare mee / nor-yet to take to heart the Information to the Good / nor the Admonition from the Destruction. H r Act.20.f

33. For / in what tyme, that the Infelicitie / with his destruction, hath incompassed and bewrapped you in all your Wayes / and that yee shall see, that it cometh, the longer the harder / vpon you: Than shall yee lament and complaine you [s], that yee haue followed your owne Counsaile / forsaken the Lawe of the Lorde / and not taken to Heart the Wisdom and the Instruction of your Father. s Pro.1.b Sap.5.a Luk.16.c

34. But, if yee stand-minded to feare the Lorde / to be obedient to his Lawe: that passeth-fourth

t Esa. 2. a Mich. 4. a

presentlie out of the true t Sion; / and his Woorde ; that passeth-fourth presentlie out of the heauenlie Jerusalem; / and to geeue-ouer yourselues, after my Counsell and Instruction (according to it all, as the Lorde hath reuealed the true Beeing vnto Mee, out of Sion v and Jerusalem) wholllie and altogether / So will I then in like-maner, eauen out of heartie Loue, stand seruiceable ; so-much as I may in the Lorde; vnto you, daylie; and at all tymes; thervnto / To thend that yee should feare the highest God / and mought learne to knowe his Righteousnes. For his Righteousnes, x is the Loue / the true Beeinge / and the euerlastinge Life.

v Esa. 2. a Mich. 4. a 2. Pet. 1. b

x Iohn. 14. b 17

55. In which vpright Righteousnes and Holynes, that God accepteth / the almightie God of Israell vouchsafe to establish you, through his Trueth: his Sonne, the Lorde Jesus Christ: Amen.

56. The Grace of the supreame God / with the true y Light of his Loue, encompasse you alwayes with their Shyne: and his right Spirit keepe you / z and leade you into all Trueth.

y Esa. 4. a 58. a 1. Iohn. 1. a z Iohn. 16. b

AMEN.

The XIII. Chap.

A Dialogue, betweene the Father; or Oldest-elder; of the Famelye of Loue / and his obedient Sonne; or Distriple; in the godlie Wisdom. Wherin ther are many speciall Questions, by the Sonne / and many groundlie Resolutions and Instructions, by the Father, contayned and declared.

The Sonne.

Seeinge

SEeinge now that I haue heard A many good Documentes; that do demonstrate to the true Life and Godlines; of my Father/ and that I am also yeat younge and vnexpert, in the spirituall and holy Vnderstandinge/ So is it in like-maner, right/ orderlie/ and expedient or meete, that I [a] submit myself vnder my Fathers Doctrine/liue according to his Counsaile/ take-heede to his Instruction/ and order and applie mee therafter/ To thende that I ouershoote not myself, in my young-aige/nor becō [b] deceaued by my younge Vnderstandinge· nor-yet seduced by any [c] Self-wisedom/ [d] Goodthinking/or Imagination of the Knowledge.

a Eccli.4. 26.c
b Luk.15.b
c Rom.12.b
d Ier.7.c

2. For-that-cause; O my Father in the Loue; I submitt my-self (and wholly geeue-ouer myself and all myne Vnderstanding) vnder the Wisdom of thy Doctrine: and desire to demaund of thee, my Father/ also to heare/ and to answere thee: and to lyue and walke obedientlie, accordinge to all thy [e] Counsell, in the Howse of Loue.

e Pro.1.a

The Father.

3. O My Sonne; my Beloued in the Loue; standeth thine Heart [f] inclyned to the Wisdom/ and is thy Lust bent, to the holye Vnderstāding/ for to lyue and walke vprightlie in the Howse of Loue: then speake-on; my Sonne;/ and demaund all that wherin thou desirest to be instructed: And ther shall good Instruction be geeuen thee therof, according to the godlie Wisdom/ and the Declaration of all that wherof thou demaundest mee, shall out of the Wisdom; becom opened vnto thee.

f Pro.2.a 4.a

The first Exhortation The Sonne.

4. FIrst-of-all, my Father; my Demaund is to thee: Whether it be permitted/ and requisite ether beseeming, for Mee; and all Disciples and Littleons of Vnderstanding; /to demaund the Eldest in the holye Vnderstandinge; or the Father of the Famelye of Loue; of all Thinges, for to knowe the difference therof/and to require of hym, to be instruced and resolued in thesame: For many suppose / that to knowe the Difference of all thinges, is the right Knowledg of the Wisdom:

The Father.

5. BOf that, my Sonne; wherof thou demaundest mee/ I will, out of the Wisedom [g] of the Mosthigheſt; geeue thee good Instruction. and declare vnto thee, accordinge to the Trueth; the right Difference, out of what maner of minde and Intent, that it is permitted the Disciples and Littleons of Vnderstanding/ and also very meete or requisite for them, to demaund for the Resolution and Instruction in the Wisdom: and in what maner-of-wise, they ought to submitt and behaue them, towardes the Eldest in the Loue/ of whom they require the holye Vnderstandinge / for to beeom rightlie taught and instructed, in the godlye [h] Wisdom.

6. VErelye/ to knowe the Difference of all Thinges/ is no right [i] Knowledg of the godlye Wisdom: but the Loue, with her verteous Nature and Beeinge; is the vpright Wisdom of the godlie Knowledge:

7. And

g Eccli. 24. b.

h Sap. 7. a Iam. 3. b

i 1. Cor. 8. a

7. And whosoeuer is taught to the same/ or hath inherited the same, in her Seruice; as that Shee be planted in hym with [k] Meekmyndednes;/ Hee hath the right Knowledg of the true Wisdom/ and the most-holie Vnderstandinge: and is a Fellowe-elder and Father in the Howse of Loue/ which bringeth-fourth out of the Treasure [l] of his Heart; the vpright Instruction of the Wisedom.

k Iam.1.c

l Mat.13.f

8. Seeing then that thou demaundest of mee/ whether it be permitted the Disciples, to demaunde the Eldest in the godlye Wisdom, of all Thinges/ for to knowe the Differēce therof/ and to require Instructiō therin, of hym/ So geeue-eare then and vnderstand, how they all which are yeat younge in the holye Vnderstanding/ and desire to demaund the Eldest in the godly Wisdom, for to be instructed and resolued in all thinges, ought to stand-minded: and in what-maner of wise also, that they; with their Heartes; ought to submitt them to the Eldest.

9. First/ it behoueth or ther is required, that the Disciples and all Littleons of Vnderstanding/ together with all Goodwillingōs to the Righteousnes; which desire to becom taught/ trayned/ and exercised, by the Eldest in the Famelye of Loue, in the godlye Wisedom and holye Vnderstandinge; should geeue-ouer themselues to be obedient [m] Disciples of the gratious Woorde and his Seruice of Loue/ and that they [n] turne them away eauēso; according to the Requiring of the gratious Woord and his Seruice; from al their [o] Selfwisdom and Knowledg, that riseth vpp or becōeth imagined in them: also take nothing in-hand themselues, out of their owne Counsell: nor-yet stand-perswaded, that they thēselues; before their new [p] Birth out of

C

m Iam.1.b

n Heb.12.a

1.Pet.2.a

o 1.Cor.3.c

p Iohn.3.e

of the Doctrine and Spirit of the gratious Woord; knowe q anye-thing/nether-yet can: accordinge to the
q Gal. 6. a
r 1. Cor. 8. a
Trueth; r iudg rightlie: but that they: with all their Heart; geeue-ouer themselues and all their Vnderstandinge: singlemindedlie; in the Wisedom and Counsell of the Eldest/for to heare the right Sentēces of Hym/and to becom taught eauenso: out of the Counsell of God; s in the godlie Wisedom.
s Mat. 11. e
1. Cor. 2. b
10. Secondlie/it behoueth/that all their Minde/Will/and Meaning stand minded/to demaund-after/nor yet lust to heare/any other thing (for to knowe the same) but onlye this/namelie/Which are the vpright Wayes of the Lorde t/how they should enter into thosesame and walke in them/and eauenso: in the good-pleasure or Delight of the Mosthigheste; haue their Fourth-going therin/for to v growe-vpp in the vpright Vertues of God/and in the louelie Beeinge of the Loue/To thend that they mought eauenso: growingvpp in the Oldnes of the godlie Wisedom and holie Vnderstandinge; become perfect Men, in the x Olde-aige of the Man Christ/also Elders and Fathers of the holie Vnderstandinge' administer the holie y Woord of Life, in the Famelie of the Loue' and eauenso lyue and walke in the vpright z Righteousnes and Holynes: And not, for to carye the Resolution and Instruction: as in maner of a Knowledge; in their Memorie or Vnderstandinge.
t Eccli. 2. a 3. 5.
v Ephe. 1. a
Col. 1. b
1. Pet. 2. a
X Ephe. 4. b
y 1. Cor. 4. a
1. Iohn. 1. a
z Ephe. 1. a 4.
11. Thirdlie/they ought to beware/that they distrust a not the Eldest in the Famelie of Loue/nor suspect any-maner of euell or vnwisedom by hym: nor-yet also in anywise perswade themselues/that the Exercises/Documētes and Instructions/which are taught or setfourth before them, by the Father of the Famelye
a Deu. 17. b 18. a

of Loue / or Oldest-elder / are to [b] slight / to chyldish / or to vnwise, for them to followe-after or to obey. But with perfect Heartes; [c] humblelie and [d] single-mindedlye & eauen as goodwillinge [e] Children vnto the Obedience; to receaue thesame Instructions / proceedinge out of the Wisdom and Counsell of the Eldest: and to stand eauenso submitted alwayes / till vnto the manlie [f] Oldnes in the Loue, vnto the holie Woord and the Exercises or Orders of his Seruice of Loue, singlemindedlie and [g] obedientlie / as Those that haue a Lust, to doo the Lordes Will.

b 1.Cor.1.b 2.3
c Eccli.7.b
d Sap.1.a Mat.10.b
e 1.Pet.1.b
f Ephe.4.b
g 1.Reg.15.b

12. Fourthlie / it is expedient, that they should [h] make manifest their whole Heart / with all their Counsailes / Mindes / Willes / and Thoughtes / together with all their Doinges / Dealinges / and Exercises, naked and bare, before the Eldest in the Famelye of Loue: and not couer [i] or hyde any-thing (be it what it is) before Him. also all whervnto their Inclination / Kynde / and Nature draweth them / and all wherwith they becom tempted or assaulted in their Heartes / To thend that they mought heare good Instruction and an vpright Difference of all thinges, wherin they erre or go-amisse and vnderstand the cleere Resolution therof / for that they mought order or indeuour them accordinglie. and growe-vpp eauenso in the holye [k] Vnderstandinge; to all [l] Concordablenes / with the Famelye of Loue; / and in all Godlynes of the vpright Life.

h Pro.28.b Eccli.4.c 17.b Iam.5.b
i Esa.29.b 4.Esd.16.g
k Col.1.b
l Ephe.4.b

13. BEholde and marke this well, my Sonne: In such a State / Minde / and Will, it doth very-well beseeme the Disciples / and all Littlelons of Vnderstandinge / together with all Goodwillingons to the Righteousnes, to demaund and heare

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the Eldest: the Father of the Fauelle of Loue: and to require the good Declaration of the Trueth, of Hym, for to becom eauenso infourmed and taught, vprightlie and accordinge to the Trueth, in the godlie Wisedom.

The Sonne.

D 14. I Perceaue and note well, my Father; that thou hast witnessed vnto mee at-full, the cleere Resolution or Declaration, of that wherof I haue demaunded thee; accordinge to the Trueth: and figuredfourth before mee, the right Style or Groun of the vpright Disciples and Lettleons of vnderstan dinge, that desire to becom instructed in the godly Wisdome and holye Vnderstandinge.

15. But, alas; ther are Fewe, that will, in such-sor wholly geeue-ouer themselues, or that will, after suc a-maner; learne the holie Vnderstandinge, and th godlie Wisedom, in the Seruice of the Loue.

The Father.

m Mat. 20. h Marc. 10. d Luk. 13. e

16. Therfore shal-ther also Fewe becom m sanct For Manye are called, but Fewe elected.

The Sonne.

17. What is then the Faile (instruct mee, m Father) that they all, one-with-an ther; do not wholiye geeue-ouer themselues, to such a vpright and louelie Beeinge, like as thou, through t hol

holye Spirit of Loue; doſt preſentlie, in thē Seruice of Loue; ſet fourth and teach the ſame vnto vs. name-all Thoſe that haue heard thy Teſtimonies/or before whom They are held fourth and adminiſtred.

The Father.

8. THe Fayle or Fault, verelie, is This: E
Becauſe ther are Manye, which will, themſelues, out of themſelues; n bee, and alſo knowe Som-what, and geeue not God the o Honour, that ee mought haue the Foregoinge in his gratious Woorde and Seruice of the Loue: and beare-nnye towardes the Eldeſt in the godlie Wiſedom (whom God hath illuminated with his Light, for illuminate or geeue-light to them that dwell yeat P Darknes vpon the Earth). or vouchſafe-not ym, the gratious Woorkes of God, which God s worckinge by hym; / nor allowe hym therin: nether-et laude or thanke the lyuinge God in all hys Woorkes, which hee is ſhewinge and extending on is elected Holyons.

n Eſa. 14. b
Gal. 6. a
o Eſa. 42. a 48.
P Eſa. 42. a

9. For theſe occaſions ſake, they bide all, whilſt at they humble not themſelues vnder thiſſame loue-t and vpright Seruice of the Loue; ſnared/vexed/nd burdened, with their owne Knowledge and ſelf Electe-wiſedom or Goodthinkinge. To the which lſo, they, with their Will and Pleaſure; are cap-ued/and bound/or maried: ſeekinge all That, which according to their Knowledge; is wel-pleaſinge vn-them. and not, to be obedient to the Woorde nor Woorke of the Lorde/ nor to the Requiringe of his Seruice of Loue.

q Rom. 11. b
Col. 2. c

The

The first Exhortation

The Sonne.

F20. O the beloued Father; is ther no Remedye or Counsell heerto/that all those r estrayed Heartes, mought becom releassed or vnbound, from all their Ignorannce/ Good-thinkinge/ and Self-wisdom, wherwith they are so bound/ also burdened and greeued/and so becom saued?

r 3. Reg. 22. c

The Father.

21. YEa/and No: ther is Remedie/and no Remedye ther-to.

The Sonne.

22. HOw shall I vnderstande that/my Father that thou sayest, Yea/ and No: Ther-is Remedye/and also no Remedie ther-to?

The XIIII. Chap.

The Father.

ALL Such as a forsake themselues/ become-nothing/and renownce or go-without all their owne Counsell/ Will/ and Wisdom: turne themselues about/with all their hearte to the childish Simplicitie/and submit them vnder the Loue: geeue-eare vnto the Seruice of the same

a Mat. 16. c
Marc. 8. d
Luk. 14. c
b Mat. 18. a
1. Cor. 14. c

geene [c] God the Honour, that Hee is the Worker hymself in his Seruice of Loue: and prayse/laude/and chant him for the Goodnes of his Workes, [d] that hee hath declared-fourth his true Light and holye Wisedom, vpon the Earth, among the Children of Men: and so geene-eare; as singleminded Children; to the Primates/ or principall Elders in the same Light/as also followe-after them; in the Seruice of the Loue; obedientlie: For all These or Such-like, ther is good Remedye or Counsell to bee had: and they may also right-well be holpen, with small labour. For, after this maner (as is before saide) they [e] seperate them or go-out, from themselues/and from all their Darknesses: and com or enter in, to the true Light of Life/ that becometh administred and figured-fourth before them, in the true Seruice of Loue. Which Light, is [f] Christ hymself/which releasseth all them that com vnto Hym, from their [g] Burdens or Bandes/and lighteth them with his Light. For Hee hymself is the Rest/ [h] the Life/and [i] Peace. and the true Light, to the Preseruation [k] of all Men which beleeue in Hym.

c Act.14.b Apo.19.b 22.a
d Psal.97.b.98
e Mat.16.c 2.Cor.6.b
f Iohn.1.a 8.b
g Mat.11.c Ephe.5.b
h Iohn.1.a 11.e
i Ephe.2.b
k Iohn.3.b

But all what remayneth ther-with-out/must perish in his owne Wisedom of the Darknes/ [l] and dye in his Synnes: also obtaine the euerlasting Condemnation/and not beholde the louelie Face of God and Christ, for euermore.

l Iohn.3.b.5.8

For whoso [m] turneth him not about, to become as a Childe: but bydeth by him self/ and will followe his owne Counsell and Wisedom/hee cometh not [n] to the Light, in the Communialtie of the Holyons. And whoso adioyneth not hymself obedientlie; vnder the Obedience of the Loue; to the Communialtie of the Holyons/ther is no Counsell to healpe Such-a-

m Mat.18.a.
n Iohn.3.c

one / nor yet to make hym safe.

The Sonne.

B 4. IT is true; my Father; thou hast witnessed vnto mee the good Counsell and sure Remedye o, wherwith the Man is to be holpen: and ther-against; the Dissuasion or Let-of-remedye, wherthorough hee bideth lost / rightlie and accordinge to the Trueth.

o Deu. 28. 30.

5. But now ther are Manny / that knowe not at-all of the true Light: nor yet haue hearde therof, which now; in theese last Tymes; is p manyfested and reuealed; through the Grace of God; among vs Littleons and Poore of Spirit, in the Howse of Loue. Also ther are Manye / that haue hearde therof: but yet not vnderstanded, that this our Doctrine or Ministration of the holye Woorde; which now becometh administred, through the holye Spirit of the Loue of God and Christ; is the vpright and liuing q Water / that floweth fourth out the Loue: nor yet likewise could comprehend or conceaue-in-mynde, that the same Voyce of the holy Spirit of Loue, is Gods Voyce / and his last r Trumpet / which Hee presentlie; to the Purginge s of the Earth / to the Sanctification of all People / to the t Blessinge of all Generations of the Earth / and to the Establishing of his Promises; letteth to be heard out of his most-holie Heauen: nether yet also beleeue, that the Seruice of the holie Woorde vnder the Obedience of the Loue, becometh administred to that effect.

p Mat. 11. c

q Esa. 55. a
Iohn. 4. b. 7. d
Apo. 22. b

r 1. Cor. 15. e
1. Thess. 4. b

s Mat. 3. b 13. d

t Gen. 22. b

6. Touchinge Those now; O my Father; my Demaund is / Whether that They that knowe not heer

heerof/ and also they that are ignorant heerin (and for that cause do not beleeue the louelye Beeinge of the Loue s the gratious v Woord reuealed out of God?. but heare/beleeue/and followe-after themselues/ and their owne Imagination x of the Knowledge) are worthy to be blamed: and whether that they likewise must now of right, haue sentence passe against them or receaue any punishment, in thissame last Day of the Loue/ which is the true Day of the righteous Judgment of God?

v Ier. 31.d

x Rom. 1.c 2.a

The Father.

7. GEue-eare, my Sonne, and vnderstand the distinct Diuersitie / who They all are, which are giltye/and worthy of the Judgment/ y of the Curssing/of the euerlastinge z Condemnation/and of the hellish Fire: and what-maner of People shall enioye and enherit the Glorye of God/ and the heauenlie a Treasures of his Riches/and so becom saued. C

y Deu. 27.28
z Mat. 25.d Heb. 10.c

a Apo. 21.a

8. Beholde and consider: The Sound b of the louelie Beeinge of the Seruice of Loue, passeth-fourth presentlie [namelie / out of the Mostholie of the true c Tabernacle of God / and out of the Cleernes and Powre of the Mosthigheſt] for to make-manifest the Perfectiõ, among the Childrē of Men/and to set vp the same among them, vnder the Obedience of the Loue.

b Mat. 3.b 17.a

c Apo. 21.a

9. Thissame Godseruice / this holye Woorde/ this true d Light / and louelie Beeinge. and the Sound or Fame of thesame, shall breake-in amonge all Nations of People/and lett it self to be e heard ouer all Landes: in such-wise/that euryone which geueth-eare thervnto and beleeueth the same, shall see and vnderstand in his Heart/as also certainelye knowe and

d Iohn. 1.a 8.b

e Psal. 19.a Esa. 49.ab 52.

feele by or in himself, that all Those which lyue not in
the same true Light; that becometh witnessed and ad-
ministred in the Seruice of the Loue; nor are com-
prehended therof / and which haue not wholly geeuen-
ouer nor yet will geeue-ouer themselues to Obedi-
f 1.Iohn.1-2.b ence, in the Communialtie of the Loue, f walke yeat
in Darknes.

10. All Those now, before whom Thissame (as
is before saide) becometh set-fourth or expressed, tho-
rough Gods Grace, and to whom it becometh graun-
g Ephe.1.b 2.3 ted to see and to g knowe it, in their Heartes / And
h Iohn.3.c yeat than, loue rather the Darknesses / h then the
Light: cleaue more vnto the World and the worldly
Thinges / then vnto the gratious Woorde in his
Seruice of Loue: heare / beleeue and followe rather
i Ier.7.c.44.b their i Goodthinkinge, and the Imagination of their
Knowledg, then the Testimonies of the holie Spirit
of Loue / which are setfourth and offered vnto them
; by the Elders in the holie Communialtie of the
k Act.7.f 13.14 Loue; out of the heauenlie Trueth: and eauenso k
waxr-offended therat or with the Minister of the same,
turne-awaye or holde them backe ther-from, and re-
sist the Seruice of the Loue and the Minister of
the same, as also not beleeue the Sauing-healeth of the
Seruice of Loue / Those shall all; if they turne
them not to the Seruice of the Loue, nor repent them
l Psal.2.b of their Sinnes; becom l broken-in-peeces, and iustly
Apo.2.c beare their blame, or be punnished, with the euerlast-
inge Destruction. and bide captiued; for euer-and-
euer; with the Death and Mortalitie: also misse or
want eternallie, the Louelynes / Sweechartednes,
and all Frindlynes of the Communialtie of Loue,
and the louelie Shape of the cleere and vncouered

in Face

m Face of Christ: and not finde the Refreashinge nor yet any n Asswaginge in their Soules. but o dye in their Synnes.

m 2.Cor.3.b 4
n Ier.6.h
o Iohn.8.c

11. But all Such as do presentlie, in the Manifestinge of thissame Daye; seeinge into their Darknes; loue more the Light of the Loue of the true and louelie Beeinge, then the Darknes: and take-heede eauenso to the proffered p Grace of the Seruice of Loue: also geeue-ouer themselues; with all their Heart; in the Communialtie of the Loue, and haue their communion or vniformitie-of-heart with Thesame: Those shall all haue also their cõmunion q with God, the Father, with his Sonne, the Lorde Jesu Christ, and with the louelie Beeinge, the holie Gost: and inherit eauenso r the true Saluation, with the Communialtie of the Holyons, and s iudge the World with Righteousnes: and so triumph t in Joye; euerlastinglie; with God and all his Saincte: and haue v the Victorie or preuaile, ouer the vniuersall wyde World, and ouer all their Enemies.

p 2.Cor.6.a
Gal.6.b
q 1.Iohn.1.a
r 4.Esd.2.f
s Mat.19.d 25.
t Apo.4.b 5.b
7.b.20.a
v Psal.110.a
1.Cor.15.c

The Sonne.

12. THis perceaue I now well; my Father; D
that thou hast witnessed vnto mee the Trueth, of that wherof I haue demaunded thee. But now, my Demaund is yeat farder to thee:

13. For that ther are manny, which do both suppose and also say, that they haue the x Light, and witnes likewise therof, out of the Imaginatiõ of their Knowledg. and yet haue not their communiõ, with our Cõmunialtie of the Loue. Wherby shall now the Goodwillingons to the true Light, knowe the true Light y,

x Mat.24.c
y Esa.52.b
Mat.6.c

and the false Light/and wherthrough maye they, discerne the one from the other of them: Namelie/which/ or in what sort, ether-other Light is; the True, in His Fourme/and the False, in Hys Fourme; and where-out ether-other proceedeth or hath his Originall? To thende that I; O my Father; and all that heare thee/maye vnderstand the Difference betwixt the true and the false Light/and so followe-after the true Light?

The Father.

14. THe Difference betwixt the True and False Light, and from Whence ether-other proceedeth/wee haue largelye; with full Resolution and cleere Distinction; witnessed and declared in the 2 Glasse of Righteousnes, and in the spirituall Lande of Promise, or heauenlie Jerusalem. But seeing now that it falleth-out at this present in our Communication, to speake there-of/ therfore I will; briefflie; witnes and declare also the Trueth therof, vnto thee:

2 4. Gla. 4.

The XV. Chap.

A THe true [a] Light (vnderstande it, my Sonne) is the euerlastinge Life it self: and by them to whom it is com or manifested, in the Obedience of the gratious Woorde and his Seruice of Loue/it is to [b] a Light of Men, to the Preseruation in the Godlynes, of all such as beleeu

a Iohn. 1. a 17.

b Iohn. 1. a

beleeue therin.

2. Thissame true Light, c hath his Originall or Fourth-cominge out of the louelie Beeinge / and true Minde of the eternall and liuinge God: and therfore it is also the eternall Life itself. c Pro. 8.e Eccli. 24.b Iohn. 1.a

3. This true Light and eternall Life, bringeth with hym the d Mercye-seate of the kingelie Maiestie; which is, e God / Christ / and the Holygoste itself; / also all spirituall Treasures f and heauenlye Riches / and all Loue and Peace, in the Godlynes. d Heb. 5.a e 1. Iohn. 4.a 5. f Col. 2.a

4. And eauenso, out of this high Maiestie of God; doth this true Light shewe-fourth his Seruice, through the illuminated g or godded Man / with whom the Most-highest, through the selfsame Light and his Seruice; is also manned: Witnessinge and declaringe / how that the true Light, consisteth not in the knowinge of This or That. but is an vpright and true Beeinge of God h / and his eternall Life. g Act. 2. 3. 4. 5 6. &c. 2. Cor. 4.a 2. Pet. 1.b 1. Iohn. 1.a h Iohn. 17.c

5. Whosoeuer now therfore, through the Seruice of the holye and gratious Woorde; becometh comprehended of this true Light, in the Loue / and in the Obedience of her Seruice / and is growen-vpp eauenso therin, till vnto the manlye i Oldnes of Christ and k taught in such-sort to the Kingdom of Heauen / Hee ministreth-fourth then thesame, accordinge to the true Beeinge. i Ephe. 4. b k Mat. 13. f

6. Not, verelye; for that anyman should haue onlie the Knowledge therof: but that they all, which heare / beleeue / and are obedient to the Seruice of the holie Woord; mought becom l partakers, m in the Renewinge of their Spirit and Minde; of l 2. Pet. 1.a m Ephe. 4.c

a Iohn. 1. a 3. c. 3. b 12. d
o Iohn. 17. e
Ephe. 3. b
p 1. Iohn 1. a 2.

the same true [a] Light/ and of his vpright and louelye Beeing and [o] incorporated with their inward Man; vnto the same. and that they should eauenso lyue and walke in the same [p] Light, in all Loue.

q Gen. 3. a

B7. But the False Light, is the Imagination of the Knowledg or the Riches [q] of the Knowledge it selfe/ which men out of their Ingeniousnes or Humaine-prudentie; take vnto them, ere-euer that they haue bene obedient vnto/ and fulfilled: til-vnto

r Rom. 6. a

the second Birth [r] from the Dead; the holie and gratious Woorde, in the Seruice of his foregoing Testament. With which false Light, all wicked Nature/ and all goodthinkinge Men and false Hearte of the

Ier. 14. b 33. c

Scripturelearned and [t] vnsent Preachers/ together with such as turne them awaye frō the true Doctrine, seruinge to the Vnitie of the Heart in the Loue/ and eauenso take-on the false Light/or geeue-fourth themselues through the same, to be Teachers and Ministers of the Woorde/ or to be esteemed and hearde for

t Mat. 23. d 26. Act. 22. d 24. 25
v Sap. 2. b
Act. 3. b. 7. f

Such, haue in all anges [t] persecuted the Vprightheartes. belyed and defamed them with false matters, yea, and also iudged [v] or condemned them for Seducers and wicked Men.

8. Seeinge then that the false Light, hath not his Ministration vnto the seconde Birth or Renewinge of the Life/ for to lyue and walke with an vpright Hearte and a meeteminded Spirit; in all Loue and Concorde: and that it bringeth with it, all Presumpteons-boldnes and Lyes/ and all Infamye/ Sclaunder and Contempt, ouer the vpright Heartes/ Therfore

x Ier. 6. b 8. a

do all false Heartes and vnregenerated [x] Scripturelearned: which are arrogant and prowde, in their minde of the owne Wisedom;/ and all such/ as with

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an vnrenewed Heart/and false [y] Holynes/or shewe of Godseruice; administer the ceremonie Seruices therout/ and set-forwarde or maintaine thesame in Dissention, gladlie take-on and imbrace thesame: and also busilie applye them ther-in, with a feruent zeale or earnestnes. For ther-vnder they can best-of-all; before all vnlighted People; couer their wicked Nature/ [z] and the falshod of their Heartes: and get the [a] Estimacion at mens handes, that they haue the right Doctrine/and that they do no wronge, in their Persecution/Sclaunder/ and Lyes or Euel-speakinge against the Vpright-of-heart.

[y] Col.2.e.
[z] Mat.23.e
[a] Mat.6.a 23.a

9. But they will not humble themselues obedientlie vnto the true [b] Light/nor-yet by Those, wherthrough Thesame and his vpright Doctrine becometh admtnistred, vnder the Obedience of the Loue: but [c] hate the true Light/and also the vpright Doctrine, that becometh taught out of thesame. And for this cause they hate the true Light/and the godlie Seruice of his Doctrine/namely: because their wicked Heartes becom [d] chastised ther-by' and their vngodlie Woorkes and false Witnesslinges made-knowen vnto them. and also, for that they are [e] not sent of God, for to teach.

[b] Iohn.3.e
[c] Iohn.7.a15.b
[d] Iohn.3.e
[e] Ier.23.e

10. Wheare now therfore thissame Riches [f] of the Knowledg (aboue rehearsed) is raignige' and receaued or taken-on; by the false Heartes of the Scripture-learned/ and by the presumpteous-bolde or prowde selfwise and goodthinkinge Men; for a Light [g] of the true Wisedom: and that also any Seruice of the Woord, becometh setfourth and administred by them, for an holie Woord' or any Seruice, for a right Godseruice/theare is then

[f] Ier.8.a.23.e d.
[g] Ezech.13.b

the same Ministration false: For it stretcheth no farder, but to the breedinge of [h] Schysme, Parcialitte and Sedition amonge the People: Wherthrough each Sect or Congregation, or the vnilluminated vnsent Teachers of the same, busye and applie them verye earnestlie about the profounde Knowledge of the Scriptures or high Vnderstandinges, accordinge to the [i] pleasinge ether contentation of Men, or about a painted [k] Holynes or false Righteousnes according to the Fleash or outward Apparaunce, that hath a before the fleashlie-minded; a Shewe of Righteousnes: But inwardlie, their [l] Nature or Minde is full of Iniquitye, and full of all false Witnessynges, against Gods gratious Woord, and his Ministers: and they are not els-what, but a Nest of Deuels, and of all wicked Spirites.

h Mat. 24. a
1. Cor. 3. a
Iam. 3. b
i 1. tim. 4. a
k Col. 2. c
2. tim. 3. a
l Mat. 23. c
Luk. 16. b

11. Therfore suerly, the Riches of the Knowledg in all false Hearts of the Scripture-learned, and in all presumpteous or arrogant Self-wise; is the false Spirit [m] of Antichrist, which through his shewe of outward Holynes, and greate knowledge in the Scripture; worketh a secreat [n] Iniquitie: and esteemeth himself as more woorthy then the Loue and her Seruice, and aboue the Wisdom of God, or the vpright Life; to bee the Spirit of the full Wisedom itself.

m 1. Ioh. 4. b
n 2. Thess. 2. a

12. Seeing now then that it all is nothinge-els but Knowledge, and a painted or coloured Holynes: and not the vpright Beeing of the Loue, nor the godlie Nature of Christ, So is it likewise a false and deceiptfull Light: Yea so false and deceitfull, that all simple and [o] vnlighted People (which gladlie couet to haue [p] the praise at Mens handes, that their Cause

o Ier. 23. c. d
Ezech. 13. b
p Ioh. 5. e

is vpright/and haue not, with all their Heart, their respect bent to the Seruice of the Loue, whose Administration tendeth to the euerlastinge Life/ q which is a true Light of Men;/for to becom r incorporated or implanted obedientlie, accordinge to the inward Man; vnto thesame true Beeing) becom therwith seduced or s begyled, also captiued with manifolde Diuisions and Sectes, and so brought into manifolde Miseries/ Thraldoms and Calamities.

q Iohn.1.a
r Iohn.17.c
Ephe.3.b
2.Pet.1.a
s Mat.24.c
2.Tim.3.a
2.Pet.2.a
Iudæ.1.b

13. Neuerthyles in all thissame/ so hath heerto, euen in generall; euery sondry Sect or Opiniated-assemblie, in their Vnderstanding of the Knowledge; their respect bent to the false Light: and they ministerfourth thesame likewise/as-though Thatsame, were t the Woorde of the Lorde, and the Illumination of the holye Spirit. Wherthrough the common People becom so bewitched, that they v cõtemne the true Light/ also enuye and speake-euell by the Seruice of Loue and the Ministter of thesame/ and byde altogether x estraunged from the vpright Beeinge of the highest God and Christ.

t 3.Reg.22.b
Ier.8.a 23.c
Eccc.13.b
v Iohn.10.d
X Ephe.4.b

14. THis false Light/ and Hee that is seduced and begiled therby, and also, in his Goodthinking; clymmed-vpp on-high therwith: and doth not turne him about obedientlie therfrõ, to the singlemynded Childehod, and to the Seruice of the Loue/ Thesame will not/nether desireth to heare, nor beleeue anyman, that, vnder the Obedience of the Loue; doth witnes the Trueth of the true Light: nor yet standeth-bent to haue regard to Gods true Beeing/nor to Him, which, with his Spirit and Minde; z is of vniformebeeing therwith/but onlie to that which becometh imagined in him by the Knowledg, that false Light.

y Esa.30.b
z Iohn.17.a
2.Pet.1.a

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D 15. The Originall from whence this false Light springeth/or frō whence his Comminge proceedeth/ is out of the vnbeleeuing or doutfull a After-surmisinge and Curious-scanninge, which the Man, through his ingenious prudentie; taketh-to-him/ouer the holy Vnderstanding of the Wisdom of God and his Testimonies/or to take and interpreat thesame to the worst.

a 3.Reg.3.b Rom.8.

16. Hys Treasures of Wisedom, which the false Light bringeth with hym; are these: b Vartaunce/ Renting/or Diuision/and discordable Disputations, about vnprofitable Argumentes/ which are not to be discussed/ nether do men growe to any ende therin, by the Knowledge.

b Rom.1.d Gal.5.c 1.Tim.6.a Tit.3.a Iam.3.b

17. Whose false Beeinge, is the Deuell/ the Antichrist/ the wicked Spirit/ the Kingdom of Hell/ and the Mateſtie of the Deuell himself: wherthrough all Falshod and Deceit becometh intermixed, among the Children of Men: and the Knowledge of the godlye Misteries, more meditated and laboured-for, then the Obedience to the good Life of thesame.

The Somme.

E 18. Oh, alas; Oh Woe vnto all the Generations of Men/which, through the c Serpentes Counsell; haue taken to them the Poyson of the deceitfull Knowledg, as a thinge hauinge a sweet tast: and not regarded at-all the vpright Beeinge/nor yet the Entraunce into thesame.

c Gen.3.a 2.Cor.11.a

19. Oh, my Father; standeth the case so: What a perrelous d Time is it then presently, for all People;

d Mat.24.a

to

to becom saued! And what an heape of Miseryes and Calamities is-ther in these last Dayes; [c] for to come ouer all them that dwell vpon the Earth / Because all Men (the which I presentlie note for-certaine, through the Manifestatiō of the Trueth) are so wholly inclyned, to heare and to beleeue much-more the [f] false Light (which with his Good-thinkinge and Riches of the Knowledge / and with his false or self-made Holynesses; administreth his false Witnessinges and deuided-partiall Seruices) then the true Light / that administreth in the Seruice of Loue; the louely Beeing of God / and the good Exercises or Orders of thesame.

[c] Luk.21.d
2.Tim.3.a
2.Pet.3.a

[f] Ier.6.b.8.18.

20. But of this thy cleere Instruction and Declaratiō, my Father; I vnderstand or comprehend presentlie, From-whence it proceedeth / and which is the Misse, that so fewe Men becom saued / although, notwithstanding; they are all called thervnto. For I note-well presentlie / and finde it likewise in the Deede / that the most parte of People, doo heare and beleeue the false Light: and are deceaued and seduced by thesame.

[g] 1.Tim. 5.a
2.Pet.2.a 3.a
Iudæ 1.b

21. Now instruct mee also, my Father; / Whether that out of both these Lightes, namelye / out of the True and the False; ther are Freedomes also ingendered. For I heare / that ther is now, in these perrelous Tymes; much talkinge of the Freedomes / among the Children of Men.

The Father.

22. Yea, my Sonne; Each Light engendreth his Freedom, but the true Light, F

h Iohn. 8. d Rom. 6. c 8. a

engendreth a True and vpright [h] Freedom in Jesu Christ/ which ⁊ in all that shee doth/ dealeth-in/ and vseeth; is orderlie and coumblye/ also harmfull to No man. but ⁊ much-more; edifyinge and healpfull towardes euery-man.

i 2. Pet. 2. a b Iudæ. 1. b

23. But the false Light/ engendreth a False and vnorderlie or [i] vncoumbly Freedom: seeking the Owneselfnes. and not/ that which serueth his Neighbour to Edifyinge or Reformation.

k Sap. 14. c Rom. 1. c

24. HOwbeit/ in that ther is presentlie so much spoken of the Freedomes/ amonge the People/ and that Manye of them/ haue a lust to their owne Freedom/ that speake they ⁊ and let themselues lust for such; out of the Imagination of the Knowledge. The which is the false Light itself/ that deceaueth them. Wherthrough they are driuen and lead/ to the Disobedience of the holie Woord/ and to the [k] vnseemlie Customes or Exercises/ and inordinate Freedomes: and forsake cauenso the vpright and true Freedom of the Children of God ⁊ which cometh vnto the Man/ in the [l] Renewinge of his Spirit and Minde;/ so that they vtterlie [m] want or misse the same/ and can neuermore obtayne nor enioye it.

l Ephe. 4. c m Apo. 2. e

The Sonne.

25. MY Father/ which is then the vpright and true Freedom/ that becometh engendred or brought-fourth out of the true Light?

The Father.

G ☞ 26. THe true Freedom ⁊ verelie; is this: That the Man ⁊ through the Ministration of the grat

ratious Woorde / and the Declaringe of the true
Light, vnder the Obedience of the Loue; becometh
nbounde, from himself / and from all his taken-on
Knowledg/Wisdom/Will/and Selfmindednes/or
o haue throughly vnlearned the same: and that also his
heart/Spirit/and Minde, is whollie [n] released and
urged or purified from all wicked Nature, which
ath raigned ouer hym: and that ther [o] dwell/ liue/nor
ule any other thing in hym [namelie/ in all his Spi-
it/thoughtes/Minde/and Soule] but alone the true
Godhead/with his louely Beeing of the vpright Loue:
ea, to be so whollie repleanished with all Vertues of
God/that ther flowe nothing-els in hym [namely/in
ll his Spirit and Minde] but the spirituall/heauen-
e/and liuing [p] Waters: Which spring-vpp or flowe-
gaine; at that tyme; from his [q] Bodye / eauen into
he eternall Life. The which is the holye [r] Spirit
f Promise / and the [s] Pledge of the godlie Inhe-
itaunce.

n Rom.6.c 8.a
o Leui.26.b
Ier.31.d
2. Cor.6.b
p Esa.12.a 55.a
Ezec.36.c
Apo.22.b
q Iohn.4.b 7.d
r Rom.8.b
s Ephe.1.b 4.d

7. Beholde/that is the vpright Freedom of all the
hildren of God and Christ / where-vnto also the
Man is [t] made, by his God / that hee should inherit
uch a Freedome, in his God / To thende that hee
hould not be a Seruaunt of [v] Men/of the [x] Sinne/
or of the Deuell: but liue; in all [y] Loue; to his God,
n the same vpright [z] Freedom.

t Gen.1.c 2.a
v 1.Cor.7.c
X Rom.6.b
1.Cor.6.b
y Ephe.4.a b
z Gal.4.a

The Sonne.

8. VErely; my Father; that is a right-good and
syncere Freedō, which thou hast heere defined H
nd declared vnto mee. For it is the selfsame Freedom,
herof Christ hath spoken/saying: If that yee abide in

my

a Iohn. 8. d

my Woordes/ a so are yee then my vpright Disciples. In which Discipline yee shall knowe the Trueth: and the Trueth shall make you free.

29. Therfore hee is a-right; made-free (likeas I presentlie heare of thee, my Father) that is releassed from hymself and his Selfmyndednes/ and from all wicked b Nature and c incorporated to the Trueth, in her true, spirituall, and heauenlie Beeinge/ and eauenso knoweth the Trueth.

b Mat. 6. b
c Iohn. 17. c
Rom. 8. b
Ephe. 3. b
2. Pet. 1. a

30. NOw infourme mee likewise; my Father; which is the false Freedom/ that becometh engendred out of the false Light/ or hath his proceedinge ther-out?

The XVI. Chap.

The Father.

A THe false Freedom of the false Light is this: That the Man setteth his Confidence/ and the Contentation or Appaisemẽt of his Heart, vpon the a Knowledge/ and will likewise out of his Knowledg; make hym self holye and righteous: and so perswade hym self/ that the Riches of the Knowledg, is the Wisdom of God itself. Wher-with hee supposeth, to haue/ to knowe/ and to inherit, all what is needfull for him/ and that he lacketh not anything more. Wherthrough hee liueth freemindedlie on his Knowledge/ and dealeth also freemindedlie out of his Knowledge; in all things that hee vseth. But it is all false and a meere deceit. For the false b Light [the which is the Imagination

a Gen. 3. a
1. Cor. 8. a

b Rom. 1. e
Apo. 2. b

of the Knowledg] hath seduced his Heart, to the Appaisement on the Knowledg/and so begyled hym.

2. Out of thissame Appaisement of the Heart on the Knowledge/ ther ariseth manye-maner of false Dealinges: as also certen false [c] Exercises or Vsages/ which beare a good Shewe/ wherwith many ignorant People/ that knowe not any Difference/ betwixt the True and the False Light; [d] becom seduced and deceaued. c Mat.15.a 21. 22.23 2.Tim.3.a d 2.Pet.2.a 3.a

3. For certen take-in-hand and vse, out of the Imagination of the Knowledge/ wheron they set their Heartes at peace; false God-seruices [e]/ which theye Col.2.b notwithstanding institute or bring-in, for true God-seruices/ Religions/ Lawes/ and Commaundementes of God: and plant thesame Knowledge, into the People/ As-though they ought/ of right; to be obedient ther-vnto.

4. Certen other bring-fourth/ out of the Freemindednes of their Heart; many-maner of [f] Witnessinges and Expositions/ accordinge to the Imagination of their Knowledge. Yea they dare also to bost them verie-boldlie and impudentlie/ that The-same, is [g] the true Light, shyninge in their Heartes: and that God hath reuealed thesame vnto them/ and that they are the Testimonies of the holie Gost. f Ier.23.e g Ezech.13.b Mat.24.a

5. Againe/ certen Other (whilst that they perswade themselues/ that the Knowledg, is the [h] Trueth/ which maketh them free) suppose (because they now knowe much/ and that the Knowledg doth dayly imagine much in thē) that it is the Spirit of Trueth, that driueth or leadeth them into such an high Vnderstandinge [i] of Much Knowledge: and that they far excell all simple People. Wherth:ough certen [k] take-occa- h Iohn.8.d i 2.Tim.3.a Tit.1.b k 2.Pet.2.b Iudæ.1.b

sion to boste them of the Freedome: and affirme that it is all free to them/and lawfull for them, to deale-in and vse what they will/and what pleaseth themselues.

6. Heer-out now ther becometh the tradinge or in-urringe of many-maner of false and inordinate Freedoms, taken-on: which accorde not/ nor yet are dealt-with-all, by the Children of God. But with these false Freedoms, the Man deceaueth hymself/ and [l] seduceth or deceaueth also all them that heare/beleeue/ and followe hym.

l 2.Tim.3.a
2.Pet.2.a

B 7. Beholde, my beloued Sonne; such a [m] Losenes of Heart, as to followe-after and deale-with, whatsoeuer the Man [n] lusteth/ and hath pleasure-in; is verelie the false Freedom, which becometh ingendred out of the false Light: the Imagination of the Knowledg: or proceedeth therout.

m Eccli.2.b
n Sap.2.a 14.c
Rom.1.c
Ephe.4.b

8. Oh what shall I saye more vnto thee heerof, my Sonne; but that thou applie thee alwayes obedientlye, to the Requiringe of the gratious Woorde and of his Seruice of Loue/and followe-after the Counsell of the godlie [o] Wisdom: and that thou [p] haue a sharpe regarde for falling into the daunger of the false Freedoms/which are so manye and manyfolde. For ther are Many seduced and deceaued, that tooke-on: out of the Imagination of the Knowledge; a Freedom to themselues: which could not becom made-free by the Trueth/nor by the true Light/Because they rose-vpp [q] before thissame true Light of the Loue: or, er-euer they were implanted obedientlye, to the gratious Woord in his Seruice: and so tooke to them the false Freedom, out of the false Light/ as also bosted and set-fourth themselues to be free [r] Christians or free Children of God.

o Pro.1.2. 3.4.
p Tob.4.b

q Iohn.10.b

r Mat.24.a

9. Ther-

9. Therfore, the holie nor the mostholie/ the true nor the most-true Light (Which the Most-highest hath presentlie; in his mostholie Seruice vnder the Obedience of the Loue; geeuen vnto vs/ for to bee declared-fourth) hath [not ben declared by any of them all, that haue taken-on/ setfourth/ and taught anything, before thissame or without thissame our Seruice of the Loue. [Heb.9.b 10.a

The Sonne.

10. C THis vnderstand I well presentlie; my Father; that before thissame/nor without thissame our most-holie Seruice of the Loue [namelie from the Daye of Christ fourth, which hath bene t darkned through the false Light · and remayned inuisible; till vnto this Daye of the Loue; before the Children of Men:] the True hath not bene setfourth/ ministred/nor taught: and that ther shall likewise no Other Light nor Cleernes; that can be true; appeere · nor yet com at any-tyme heere-after, but the Light of the Loue. For, accordinge to all the Testimonies of the holie Spirit of Loue/this grattous Woorde and his Seruice of Loue, is the Light v and the Daye of the true Judgment/ wherwith God with his Holyons, accomplisheth/and wherwith also hee will accomplish, his Judgment vpon the Earth/ accordinge to the Trueth. t 2.Cor.3.b v Mal.4.a Mat.24.d. Act.17.d

11. But now, of the false Freedom; wherof thou hast spoken vnto mee; I must yeat demaund somwhat of thee/ To thend that I may submit myself so-much-themore vprightlie, accordinge to the vpright Trueth:

12. Wherfore; my Father; termest thou this also

a false Freedome [to-weet] to sett-fourth Godser-
uices / Religions / and Doctrines, out of the Ima-
gination of the Knowledge. For I supposed that
ther had bene none Other false Freedomes more / but
the inordinate and false Vsages or Doinges / which
X Sap.14.8 becom taken-on and vsed; accordinge to the x inordi-
Rom.1.6 nate Woorkes of the Fleash; out of the Self-cone-
tousnes / and out of the earthlie and fleashlie Sen-
sualitie?

The Father.

D 13. IT is true; my Sonne; the inordinate and
y Rom.1.6 y vnseemlie Dealinges; which becom ta-
1.Cor.5.6.b ken-on and occupyed with boldnes or freemindednes
Gal.5.c of Heart, out of the earthlie and fleashly mindes; are
Ephe.4.b
1.Pet.4.2. e no-dout; wicked and euel-deeded z false Freedomes.
2 2.Tim.3.a But consider this also, that ther cannot dwell any
2.Pet.2.b wickeder Freedom nor more damaigefull Thinge, in
Iud.v.1.b the Heartes of Men / then a spirituall a Pryde / and to
a Apo.17.2 18. lyue freemindedlie ther-in. For thesame Presumpti-
a.21 b. on / is a great blaspheaming of God.

14. Therfore cannot the Man (whilst that hee is
not yeat wholly godded, in One Spirit of the godli-
Beeing; with God) occupie or vse any-maner of Free-
dōs, that are falser / wickeder / absurder / seducinger / ar-
roganter nor horribler, against God and his vpright
Seruice: nor-yet damaigefuller nor destructiona-
bler to the Children of Men, then this: Namelye
that anyman should becom so arrogant and free o
vnbounde of Heart / that hee; out of an appeased Con-
science or contented Heart; should dare to teach or sett
fourth anythinge, through the Imagination of th

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Knowledge (whether hee then haue taken-on the same out of the Learnednes of the Scriptures / or out of his goodthinkinge Wysedom) as a [b] Woorde or Commaundement of the Lorde: or-yet to institute any Seruices; out of the Letter of the Scripture; accordinge to his Good-thinkinge / and so to plucke or make-subiect the Heartes of Men; to Dissention; [c] therunder.

[b] 1.Reg.15.a b ler.5.6.7.8.14.

[c] 3.Reg.12.c d

15. I Tell thee trulie / that it is a great Presumption against God and his Saincres / that the Man becometh so free of Heart, that hee; out of the Learnednes of the Letter / or out of the Imagination of the Knowledge; taketh vpon hym, to be a Teacher or Preacher: and eauen so instituteth his elected Godseruices, which certes are false Godseruices: or witnesseth ether speaketh-fourth any-thinge for trueth, that concerneth the godlie and heauenlie Thinges. E

16. For no-man can rightlie; accordinge to the Trueth of the holie Scriptures / nor accordinge to the spirituall Vnderstanding of the godlie Wisedom; deale-in or vse the true Godseruices / nor the Seruices of the holie Woorde (it becometh not likewise, that anyman should take-inhande to busye himself therabout) but onlie the illuminated [d] Elders in the godlie Wisedom / which walke in the Howse of Loue: the which are growen-vpp obedientlie in the Seruice of the Loue; from the Youngnes of their Vnderstandinge / till vnto the [e] Olde-aige of the Man Christ; in the godlie Wisedom / and [f] taught to the Kingdom of Heauen / as also haue [g] receaued the Woorde of Life, through the Powre of the Most-highest; out of his holie Heauen; from the liuinge

[d] Mat.13.f

[e] Ephe.4.b

[f] Mat.13.f

[g] 1.Cor.11.e Gal.1.b Ephe.3.a 1.Iohn.1.a

God: and are eauenso through the same Woord; godded with God; or incorporated to God; in all Loue.

h Iohn. 14. b. 17 With whom also, God; h in One Beeing and Powre of his holye Spirit; is hominifted or becom man.

17. Therfore, it is assuredlie, all false and lyes, seducinge and deceitfull, what the i vngodded or vnilluminated Men; out of the Imagination or Riches of

i Ier. 23. c 29. a

k 1. Cor. 1. b 2. l Ier. 8. a 27. their owne Knowledg, and out of their k Learnednes of the Scriptures; bring-fourth, l institute, preach, and teach.

18. They preach indeede the Letter, and the Imagination of their Knowledg: but m not, the Woorde of the liuinge God.

m Ier. 5. b 6. 8. Ezech. 13. b 34.

F 19. Seeing then that they haue not fulfilled obedientlie, the first n Entraunce into the Doctrine of the gratious Woord, and yet neuertheles, with free Heartes; presumpteouslie o bost them, to haue and to vse, all what is brought and geeuen; out of p Grace; to the Holyons of God, in the Cõmunialtie of the Loue. and lye or erre therin, So is; doubtles; all their Doinge and Woord; that they vse out of the Free-

n Mat. 3. a Luk. 3. a Act. 2. d 3 e o Ier. 18. b 19. a p Ephe. 2. a 3. a

q Ezech. 13. b

mindednes of their Heart; a false Freedom, q out of the false Light; the Imagination of the Knowledge; and all their Congregation (let them esteeme themselues so holye as they will) a false Christianitie, and

r Apo. 2. b r Deuels Synagogue or Schoole.

☞ 20. For ther is none other Communialtie of Holyons, nor true Christianitie, but the Communialtie of Holyons, s in the Loue of Jesu Christ, and all Such as adioyne them therunto, and growe-vpp; vnder the Obedience of the Loue; in the same Loue, to Elders of the holie and godlie Vnderstandinge.

s Iohn. 17. e Ephe. 4. a b

21. To which Elders and Fathers, God hath re-

uealed

uealed his Woord, in this Daye of the Loue: which [t] Daye of the Loue, God himself hath appointed or ordayned/for [v] to iudge in thesame, the vniuersall Compasse-of-the-earth; accordinge to his Woorde; with Righteousnes: and [x] to take-away all false Lightes/ and inordinate or false Freedoms, from the Heartes of Men / and condemne thesame: and so to plant the louelie Beeing of the Loue; with all [y] Meekmindednes; ther-in.

t Psal.118.e
v Psal.96.98.b Act.17.d
x Psal.1.a Esa.13.b
y Mat.11.e Iam.1.c

The XVII. Chap.

The Sonne.

A

OH; my Father; my Heart trembleth / when-as I heare thee speake of the manifolde false Freedomes / which becom now so vsed/ traded / and set-fourth, in all the Worlde! Oh! Whether shall then the Children of Men gett them/ that they mought [a] escape all these deceitfull Snares?

a Mat.24.d Luk.21.d

2. O Lorde God, heauenlie Father/What a speciall cause haue I, to laude and thanke thee for all this/ that thou hast graunted me little Youngone; through the Seruice of thy Loue; to knowe all these secreat Treasures of the godlie Wisedom · also manifested such an heauenlie Trueth, in mee · and brought and geeuen mee all this, for to enioye.

B

3. O My beloued Father in the Loue (of whom I; through Gods [b] Grace; haue hearde all these groundlie Instructions and godlie Declarations · and; through the Illumination which God hath geeuen in my [c] Heart; well vnderstanded thosesame)

b Ephe.2.a
c 2.Cor.4.a

d Gen. 14.b Heb. 7.a

d blessed art thou to the Lorde: the lyuinge God? which, out of the aboundant Liberalitie of his Godhead; hath geeuen thee all this, for to be declared / To thende that thou shouldest accordinglie, in these last perrelous tymes; declare-fourth thesame againe, among vs the Children of Men.

4. All thissame cometh vnto vs, out of the mercifull Grace of God / and out of his heartie Loue, e which hee hath to our Saluation / To thentent that wee should take thesame, that becometh expressed and set-fourth before vs, out of hys Loue; to heart / and applye vs, through the true f Light; to the louelie Beeing of the Loue / and so becom saued: and that wee should not all perish with the wicked Worlde / as Sodom g and Gomor: to whom this Light of Grace / nor this louelie Life of Righteousnes, hath not bene proffered / h like as It becometh presentlie declared vnto vs, and proffered to the Worlde, to their Amendement / and Preseruation in the Godlynes.

e Iohn. 3.b Ephe. 2.a

f Iohn. 1.a 8. 12

g Gen. 19.a

h Math. 11.a

C 5. Seinge now that I, my Father; finde-out in the Deede and Trueth / that the Lorde: the Most-highest: hath reuealed his i Mercie-seate: the Possession of his most-excellent Maiestie? with all his Sainctes and heauenlie Riches, in thee: and, with thesame Beeinge of the perfect Godhead; made a godlie k Dwellinge with thee / So were it therfore very right and meete, yea, and also very expedient; that all the Generations of the Earth, l submitted and wholly gaue-ouer themselues, vnder thatsame Mercie-seate: the godlie Maiestie? / and assembled them thervnto: and that they in like-maner, with repentaunt Heartes, m to the Amendement of their Life and Beeinge / and to the Inheritinge

i Esa. 16.b Heb. 5.a

k Iohn. 14.b 2. Cor. 6.b Apo. 3.c

l Heb. 5.a

m Mat. 3.a Luk. 3.a

n of their Blessinge of the Promises; harkened-vnto and beleeued the Woordes of Life/and the Instructions proceedinge from the Godlynes of the true and louely Beeinge/ To thende that they all, through the godlie Wisedom (which is; O my Father in the Loue; com and reuealed vnto thee, out of the Most-holie of the true Tabernacle of God/for to minister thesame; accordinge to the Trueth of the naked and o vncouered Face of Christ; amonge the Children of Men) mought becom taught and instructed' edified in all Loue' and not p seduced nor begnied any lenger by thē selues/nor by the Imaginatiō of the Knowledg.

n Gen. 22. b
Ier. 31. d

o 2. Cor. 3. b 4. a

p Ezec. 34. a b

6. THat same q Heart; to becom eauenso minded; graunt vs all, O Lorde God heauenlie Father/ To thende that wee may liue peaceablie and vprightly; vnder the Obedience of thy Loue; in thy most-holie Seruice of the Loue/ and in thy vpright and r louelie Wayes' all Kingdomes on the Earth, stand bowed and obedient s to thissame One Peaceable-kingdom of the Loue' and all People obtaine; to an eternall Peace; the Concorde in all Loue/t accordinge to the Promises.

D

q Ezec. 11. b 18. d. 36. c

r Pro. 3. 4. b

s Ezec. 37. e
Dan. 2. e

t Esa. 2. a 3. 4. 13
Ier. 23. a 31. 33.
Mich. 4. a
Zac. 8. a b

O yea: That com-to-passe eauenso.

The XVIII. Chap.

A Morning-prayer/ to be sayde vnto the Lorde, when wee ryse.

My beloued Children/ and thou Famelie of Loue: All the Dayes of your Life/ see that yee pray euery a Morninge vnto the Lorde, that hee will vouchsafe to keepe and preserue you. And let euerypone pray eauenthus:

a Psal. 87. a
Esa. 26. a

The first Exhortation

A O Lorde God heauenlye Father/ thou which art my God and a God of all the Worlde: I thy Creatures [b] the Woorke of thy Handes / praye and make-supplicatyon before thee / and before thyne excellent Maiestie / that thou wilt keepe mee this Daye and at all tymes / vnder the [c] Wynges of thy Loue / [d] illuminate mee with thy Wisedom / [e] instruct mee with thy Trueth / [f] nurtour and sustaine mee with thy Feare / and [g] guyde mee with thy holie Spirit / that I in any-case / O my God; enterprise not in any of all my Dealinge and Walking / the dooing of any euell or [h] vncomly thing: conceaue nor pretend any [i] wicked-thing in my Heart: speake no [k] vnlawfull nor vndecent Woordes with my Mouth: marke nothinge with myne [l] Eyes to deceitfulnes: heare nothinge with myne Eares / that should seduce mee from thy most-holie Seruice of the Loue: occupye or doo nothinge with myne Handes / that is vniust: nor walke with my Feete / [m] in any vnlawfull or vnrtght Wayes / To thende that I / O mostholie God; enterprise not / nor-yet deale-in anything / that is against thine Honour / or the Loue [n] of my Neighbour: nether-yet take anythinge in-hande / wherthrough I mought becom tourninge-awaye / from the godlie Doctrine of thy [o] holye Woorde and Seruice vnder the Obedience of thy Loue: but chastise and teach mee [p] with the Lawe of thy Commaundementes.

B 2. Eauen-thus / O my God; humble my Heart / with thy Chastisement and Information; vnder thy Righteousnes / To thende that I may walke / vnder the Obedience of thy Loue; in thy Wayes, all the Dayes of my Life / honour thyne holye Name, in thy

peace.

b Gen. 1. c 2. a
Psal. 95. a 100.

c Psal. 17. 36. 61. 63. a. 91. a
d Mat. 23. d
d Sap. 7. 9
1. Cor. 1. a
Iam. 3. b
e Iohn. 14. c
f Pro. 1. a
Eccli. 1. 2. b
g Iohn. 16. b
h Mat. 15. b
Ephe. 5. a
i Psal. 15. a 26. a
k Ephe. 4. c 5. a
Col. 3. b 4. a
l Pro. 4. c
m Pro. 1. a

n Mat. 7. b

o Esa. 2. a
Ier. 31. d 33. b
p Psal. 94. b

peaceable Pathes, laude and praise thee, shew-fourth
q all Good towardes my Neighbour, deale and be- q Pro.3.b c
haue myself with all Men, r peaceablie and vprightlie, keepe my Mouth, from speaking of all s vnnurtered, vnedifying, and vnadvised Woordes, and order and vse all my Doinges and Leavinges, to a good Exercise and t Edifyinge of my Neighbour. Mat.7.b r Rom.12.b Heb.12.b 13. s Mat.12.d Ephe.4.c 5.a Col.3.b t 1.Cor.14.b c

3. O Most-gratious Father: Let my Prayer in all This, v becom hearde of thee, and my Supplication, enter into thyne Eares: and holde alwayes thy mercifull x Eyes ouer mee: and teach mee without ceassinge, O Lorde, with the Rod of y thy Discipline, To thende that I turne mee not aside into any Bywayes, z from thee, and that my Heart inclyne hym not to the a Lightmindedons, and so forget thee. v Psal.54.a 55. a 88.102.130. X Psal.33.b34. y Pro.3.b Apo.3.c z Psal.141.a a Tob.3.b

4. C Keepe mee, O my God, from all Gynnes and subtill b Snares of the Wicked, from all Bloud-thirstyons c, and Violent-oppressours, and from all Workers-of-mischeef: that I becom not destroyed nor swallowed-vp by the Vngodlie. b Psal.140 141. c Pro.1.b Sap.2.a b d Esa.26.e

5. O louinge Lorde, preserue mee also from all the deceitfull e Contrary-spirites vnto thy mostholie Seruice of Loue, To thend that I becom f not, at any tyme, seduced or lead-awaye from thy Woorde and Seruice of Loue, nor from thy louelie Beeinge. e Psal.73.a 74. a 91.a 1.Iohn.2.e f Mat.24.b c

6. O Lorde, Lorde, my God, thou which art an vnchaungeable g Light, a most-constant Wisedom, and an eternall, true, and liuinge God; Bee thou thyself, I beseech thee, h my Light, in these perrelous tymes, to-thende that I walke not in i Darknes. g 1.Tim.6.b Iam.1.b h Esa.60. Ephe.5.b 1.Iohn.1.a i Iohn.1.a 8.12.

7. Be likewise, O God, my Knowledge, k Wysdom, and Vnderstanding, To thend that I, through anymaner D k 1.Cor.1.c

maner of Ignorannce / or through myne owne
1.Cor.1.b 2.3 Self-wisedom; seduce or begile not myself / nor-yet
become arrogante or prowde: but delyuer [m] mee
m Psal.140.a Mar.6.b from the wicked Nature: and keepe mee vnder thy
Right-hand / That I perish not in the Plages of the
n Esa.47.b Apo.18.a n Vngodlye.
o Psal.94.b 8. Sustaine and succour my Minde: in all [o] Pa-
cience; against all wicked and vnchristen or lying
p Psal.62.a 64. Men / and against all false [p] Spirites / by whom
I chaunce; at any-tyme; to becom tempted and as-
saulted: and leade mee; through thy Seruice of Loue;
q Psal.25.a Iohn.16.b in all [q] Trueth. Amen.

The XIX. Chap.

An Eueninge-prayer / to be saide vnto the Lorde, when wee lay vs downe to sleape.

a Psal.22.c 118.c.140.b My beloued Children / and thou Famelye of Loue: Forgett in no-wyse, to praye euerye Eueninge [a] vnto the Lorde / that her; in the Night of your Sleape; will vouchsafe to keepe you / and preserue you from all Destruction. And let euerypne praye eauen-thus:

A Prayse thee / O Lorde God heauenlie Father: whose Woorkes, are all [b] vp-
b Gen.1.d 2.a. Eccli.39.c d right / holie / and good. For / in like-maner, as the Daye maketh-manifest hym self / and hath his conuenient Circuyte: and euery Daye bringeth-fourth his [c] Time / for to labour in the same (according
c Eccle.3.a d Ephe.4.c as the time requireth) about that which is [d] profitable / right / and meete / to a good Ordeninge of all thinges
e Psal.8.a (like-as thou; O holie Father; hast [e] geeuen the same vnder the handes of the Children of Men): Eauen-so doth the Night also make-manifest itself / to a conue-

nient

intent Rest / [f] To thende that the Man should than sleape/and rest-him, from all Trauell and Labour. f Gen.1.b

2. Seeinge now that this Daye is passed by mee/ and that the Night approcheth/ So will I therfore ; O Lorde God heauenlie Father; geeue my-self to the Rest (accordinge to all thy good Ordinaunce) in thy holye [g] Name. g Col.3.c

3. HOwbeit, whilst that ; in the Sleape of my Rest; the Sight of myne Eyes / and the Vnderstandinge of my Life and Minde, shall be closed or shut-to/So pray I thee ; O holye Father; that thou wilt [h] keepe mee, from all what is destructionable/and preserue mee, from all Perrell that mought happen to the endamaginge of my Soule. For I will laye mee downe/and rest mee ; O my God; in Thee: and shall not ; in my Sleape; knowe anythinge of Thee/or of My-self. B h Psal.91.a 140

4. But thyne [i] Eyes are alwayes watefull ouer all thy Seruauntes : and Thou art a [k] Fortresse / and a vigilant Powre/ouer all them that feare Thee. For thy Life and Minde, [l] doth nether sleape nor slumber. i Psal.33.b 34. 1.Pet.3.b k Psal 62.a Esa.26.a l Psal.121.a

5. THerfore ; O holye Father ; be thou in this Night; and in all the Nightes of my Rest; a good Watchman ouer my Soule and Bodye/ and ouer all that which is committed and put-in-trust ; to be well ordered ; vnder my Handes.

6. O Lorde/Lorde: Be alwayes ; I beseech thee; [m] watchfull ouer vs: and ; as a stronge God; be our Defender and Keeper. For our Enemies go rounde-about vs/and our Aduersaries [n] rest them not, Day nor Night/ in seekinge to destroy vs: Yea, all wicked Nature raygeth / and [o] gnasheth his Teeth at vs/ C m Psal. n Mat.12.c Luk.11.c 1 Pet.5. o Psal.35.b 37

and

and wolde gladly deuour vs.

7. But thou, O my God, hast the Powre and Possibilitie, p to keepe-of and chase-away all the Wicked and Vngodly from mee, and to preserue and saue mee thy Hand-worke, from all q Destruction.

8. Seinge then that I, O holye Father, haue not the powre for to keepe nor yet to saue myself, Therfore will I, O my God, r commit myself in trust vnto thee, O God Father, eauē vnto thy Powre and Mercifulnes: and eauenso geeue myself to the Sleape, and rest mee in thee, O God my Saluation, vntill that I s awake againe in thee: and maye eauenso alwayes and for euer, t laude and thanke thee in thy holy Daye of Loue, through Jesus Christ, our Lorde. Amen.

p Mat. 6. b

q Psal. 138. a

r Psal. 25. b 31.

s Ephe. 5. b

t Psal. 145. a Col. 3. c

The XX. Chap.

A good Instruction, how one shall daylie prepare, order, and endeuour hym, against the craftie assaultes and Deceit of the Synne.

MY beloued Children, and thou Famelye of Loue: If yee will becō faithfull Seruauntes of God, in the Seruice of the gratious Woorde vnder the Obedience of the Loue, So prepare your Soules then a to the Temptatiō. And when yee are tempted or assaulted, for to bee plucked-away, intisinglie, from the Loue of God and her vpright Beeinge, and to yealde your consent to the Sinne and her Ministers, Then b stand fast in Pacience, and shrink-not-away: to thende that yee, growing-vpp in the vpright Beeing of the Loue, may becom stronge against the c Synne, and against all that which is not Gods, and so alwayes becom stronger and stronger.

a Eccli. 2. a

b Eccli. 2. a Heb. 12. a

c Rom. 6. b Heb. 12. a Iam. 1. a

2. But

2. BVt whilst now that the Man is yeat in the meane-tyme; heald-captiue with the Body of Death clothed with the [d] mortall Garment and bewrapped with the earthlie and cõsumeable Thinges: and must for-that-cause yeat daylie, deale and haue-to-do with the [e] Enemies ether Aduersaries of the Life of Christ (which daylie inuade, tempt, and assault hym on euery-syde, for to pluck hym (with his [f] Willes after their deadlie [g] Lustes and Desires): So cannot the Man (in his Youngues of the holie Vnderstandinge / or in his Weaknes of the godlye Righteousnes; well ouercom or preuayle (at the first; in the Battaill of the same Assaultinges, without [h] stumbling or fallinge. but well, in his [k] Oldues of the holye Vnderstandinge.

d 4.Esd.2.f Iudæ.1.b
e Mat.12.c Luk.11.c 1.Pet.5.a.
f Iam.1.b
g Rom.6.b 8. Gal.5.b
h Eccli.2.a
i Rom.7.a b
k Rom.8.a Gal.2.c

3. AGainst these Assaultinges, the Man ought (in his Youngnes; to learne to [l] take-vpp his Crosse on hym to followe-after Christ: his Saviour (in his like Suffering [m] and death of the Crosse: and to shewe-fourth [n] Pacience (with Christ; against all the Assaultinges / vntill that all the Enemies or Aduersaries of the louelie Life, through the [o] Death Christ [that is, in maner of sufferinge] be vtterlye extinguished: and that hee eauenso is growen vpp, thogh the Death or Together-sufferinge of Christ which is the dayly [p] Oblatiõ in the Holy] to the Oldnge [q] of the Man Christ and entred (through the seconde Birth [r] from the Dead; into the euerlastinge life. Which Passaige or Waye to the euerlastinge life, wee haue witnessed and figured-fourth distinctand cleerlie, in the Figure of the true and spirituall Tabernacle / and in other-moe places, in the Glasse Righteousnes.

l Mat.16.c Luk.9.c.14. c
m Rom.6.a 1.Pet.2.c.4.a
n Eccli.2.a Heb.12.a Iam.1.a
o Rom 6.a 1.Cor.15.f
p Num.28. Heb.9.b
q Ephe.4.b
r Iohn.3.a Rom.6.a

Bu 4. Eauen

B 4. EAuen-thus, my beloued Children / and thou Famelie of Loue / together with all yee Disciples of the gratious Woorde, in the Seruice of the Loue / and all yee Louers of the Trueth / and good-willinge Heartes to the Testimonies of the holye Spirit of Loue / Let it not be tedious vnto you, to shew-fourth [f] Pacience for a little tyme / when-as the euell Thinges [namelie / the euell Inclinations and the deadlie Enemies of the Life] make them vp in you / and [t] assault or tempt you / for to turne you away from the good Will that yee haue to the godlie Beeinge, vnder the Obedience of the Loue.

f Aba. 2. a
Luk. 21. b
Heb. 10. d
t Heb. 12. a
1. Pet. 5. a

5. For / after a little tyme [v] of your distresse / affliction / and angwish or heauynes, the Lorde will bringe his Christ [that is his best-beloued and most-holye Beeinge] in Powre and Glorye, vnto you: as also [x] tread-downe in you / and laye vnder your Feete, all your Enemies (which are also Aduersaries of the godlie Beeinge) that haue; with all Vnrighteousnes; dwelled in you / raigned ouer you / and brought all disquietnes / tedious-trauell / and veration vnto you.

v Tob. 3. b
Esa. 54. a. b
X Psal. 91. a
Rom. 16. b

6. YEa / eauen so will God now in these last Dayes, out of his heartie Loue; to the Blessing [y] and Saluation of the Man / according to the Promises; take-in his Howse and Inheritaunce; to his Habitation; [z] with Righteousnes: and let you beholde; with the Eyes of a pure [a] Heart; wher-to hee hath [b] created / chosen [c] / and loued you.

y Gen. 22. b
Esa. 35. b
z Esa. 42. 49. 51
Ier. 23. a 33. b
a Mat. 5. a
b Gen. 1. c 2. a
c Ephe. 1. a 2. b

7. For yee shall euidentlie see / and, in [d] maner-of suffering; through the Sufferinge of Christ; right well perceaue / and finde-in-experience, that God with his Christ / and Holye-gost / and with the heauenl

d Rom. 6. a

uenlie Fellowshyp of all the Holyōs, will [e] inhabit with you/and lyue and walke in you. and that Hee assuredlie is your God [f]/ and yee his People. For Hee hath chosen none other Howse nor Temple, for his Habitation/ [h] but you, O yee godlye Children/or Communialtie of the Loue.

e Leui. 26. b
2. Cor. 6. b
Apo. 21. a
f Ier. 31. d
Eze. 37. c
g Ier. 7. a b
h 1. Cor. 3. b 6
2. Cor. 6. b
i 1. Pet. 2. a

8. Therfore; O yee elected [i] Children of God;

C For thissame Loues sake of your God; wherwith Hee loueth you; like-as Hee is now extendinge the same, in these [k] last Dayes; accordinge to his Promises; in manifolde-sort and aboundantlie, on you/So geeue God now hys [l] Roome: and thrust or keepe Hym not off from his Dwelling, in thissame Daye of your Sanctification.

k Ier. 31. d
Ioel. 2. c
Act. 2. b
l Esa. 40. a
Mat. 3. a 11. b

9. Suffer not yourselues to be [m] vanquished by the Wicked/nor seduced by any [n] Contrarye-spirites to our mostholye Seruice of the Loue: but in Pacience, [o] vanquish the Euell with the Good.

m Rom. 12. c
n 1. Iohn. 2. c
o Rom. 12. c

10. For, with the holie Spirit of the Loue, yee are able to resist/keepe-off/and quench-out, all Seducinges rising [p] through the Wylye-craftynes of Men/ wherwith they inuade you, for to catch and seduce you.

p Ephe. 4. b

11. But if yee chaunce to offende in anye-thinge/or that yee becom somtymes [q] begyled through subtiltie and so [r] plucked-awaye from the holye Minde of the godlie Doctrine of the holy Spirit of Loue (whether it be then through your owne Wisdom/or through any Venym that yee receaue of the viperous Generation/ which; through the Imagination of the Knowledge; soweth nothingels but mortall Seedes [s]/ and Weedes; to an Intangleing; amonge the Children of Men)/ yet bide not; for-al-that; lyinge in the deadlie Venym; [t] but stand-vpp agayne/and repent/and refreash

q Gen. 3. a
r Gal. 6. a
s Mat. 13. d
Luk. 8. c
t Eccli. 21. a

or renewe your Minde in the godlye Doctrine/which & through the Spirit of the louelie Beeinge of God; becometh witnessed and taught in our most-holye Seruice of the Loue/ So shall not then the deadlie v Venym of the viperous Generation/nor your owne Wisedom/destroye you/nor-yet shall yee dye of their Woundes. but becom cured there-of/and made-whole againe: and go-fourth eauenso alwayes obedientlie & accordinge to the Requiring of the gratious Woorde and of his Seruice of Loue/and accordinge to the Counsell of the Elders of the holy Vnderstandinge; in the verteous x Nature of the Loue: the most-holie Beeinge?/ vntill that yee & with all your Heart and Minde; are y established and strengthned Therin/and that God alone haue the Dominion.

v Gen.3.a
Mar.16.b

x Mat.7.b 22.

y Ephe.3.b
Col.2.a

D 12. BVt if it now so comtopas, O yee beloued Heartes & yee deerlie-beloued Children of the holie Spirit of Loue; that z anyone should chaunce to synne/or ouerreach hymself in any-thinge: and perceaue/that hee (by reason of his a vnablenes or weatnes) were fallen/Yet let not the same (whilst hee yeat & in his Youngnes; stādeth vnder the Discipline of the holie Spirit of Loue) suffer hymself to be iudged nor b condemned/ by his Conscience/ nor-yet & on the other syde; make c small account of the Sinne/ and so ruñeon lightmyndedlye therwyth: but let hym d humble hymself to the Elders or Ministers of the Woorde in the Seruice of the Loue/ and suffer hym to be refourmed and e instructed by them, in the gratious Woorde and hys Seruice of Loue: Those shall then f healp him vp againe from his Fall/and direct hym & aright; vnto the Waye of Life.

z Eccli.21.a

a Iohn.15.a
2.Cor.3.a

b 1.Iohn.3.c

c Eccli.5.a
d Eccli.4.a
Heb.13.b

e Mat.18.b

f Gal.6.a
Iam.5.b

13. But

13. But let no-man iudge Hymself / much-lesse then Another: For wee haue ε in our Communialtie of the Loue; a true Judge, Jesus Christ ᵍ our Lorde and Kinge ʰ / which executeth the right Judgment of his Father, according to the Trueth.

14. The same iudgeth ⁱ not after the Sight or Judgment of Men / nor out of anye Imagination of the Knowledge, like as a Man iudgeth: but hee iudgeth with an vpright ᵏ Judgment, out of the true Beeinge of his Father.

15. Hee is vnto vs ε in all our Walkinge; ˡ a Fountaine of Life / and to a Making-alyue of vs all, ᵐ against the Death and the deadlie Venyme of the Sinne.

16. Wee haue also ε through Hym; a daylie ⁿ Offeringe in the Holye of his spirituall and true Tabernacle.

17. Into which Holie, hee is gon before vs: and ther-in Hee hymself beareth ᵒ our Synnes, through his Sufferinge and Death of the Crosse. Wherthrough Hee sheweth or teacheth vs the vpright Offeringe for our Synnes: and prepareth for vs eauenso a free Entraunce with Hym, ᵖ into the Holye / to an eternall and liuinge Waye.

18. When wee now are entred into this Holye, with Hym / so manneth hee then hymself with vs / to an Implantinge of vs in Hym, with the like ᵠ Death of his Crosse / for to crucifie and slaye eauenso ε through his Sufferinge and Death; the sinfull Fleash, ʳ with his Lustes and Desyres.

19. Through which daylie God-seruice and ˢ Offering in the Holy ε in the takingvpp of our Crosse; in the ᵗ

g Esa.33.e
Zach.9.a 14.a
h Psal.96.b
Esa.42.a
i Esa.11.a
k Esa.11. a 42.a
l Psal.36 a
Iohn.4.b
m Sap.16.b
n Num.28.a
Heb.9.a
o Esa.53.b
Iohn.1.d
1.Pet.2.c 4.a
p Heb.10.b
q Rom.6.a
r Gal.5.c
s Num.28.a
Heb.9.a
t Mat.16.c
Mar.8.d

v Act.13.e Heb.9.b

Imitation of Christ, in his Death, wee obtaine the v Remission of Synnes.

X Rom.6.a y 2.Tim.2.b

20. From which Death, that wee so x dye or passe-thorowe with Christ; wee arise y or stand-vpp againe with Hym and all his Holyons (which Hee, eauen like as Vs; hath z bought and sanctified with his Bloud): and becom eauen so godded with the eternall/ liuinge/and almightie God, as true Children of God vnto Hym; in all Joye a and Glorye, for to possesse heyrlike b the Kingdom of God and Christ, in the euerlastinge Life, accordinge to the c Promises: eauen-like as the Scripture mentioneth vnto vs.

z 1.Cor.6.e 1.Pet.1.b Heb.9.b Apo.5.a a Esa.35.51.b Rom.8.b b Mat.25.d c Ephe.1.a

F

21. FOr that-cause, my beloued Infantes in the Loue; forsake not, in any-wise, d the Crosse of Christ/nor his Guift or Meate-offeringe: nor-yet heape you vp to yourselues, one Sinne e vpon another: but take-vpp f your Crosse: followe-after Christ, the Stoole-of-grace: becom implanted to Hym/baptised in hys g Death/washed with his Bloud, and so purged, to the Forgeeuing of your Synnes.

d Mat.16.c Mar.8.d Luk.14.c e Eccli.5.a f Mat.16.c 1.Pet.2.c 4.a g Rom.6.a Gal.3.c Act.2.d 3.c

22. Doubt nor dispaire not of your Saluation: nor-yet becom you h feeble-minded in your Spirit. Feare not also, although your Synnes, which make-vpp themselues against you; be many and manyfolde: and although that you finde your-selues yeat infirme and weake: but be i of good cheere, and bide alwayes k stedfast in the good Will.

h Esa.35.41.43 i Esa.35.a k Eccli.2.a Mat.24.b Heb.12.a

23. For wee haue, ouer our mostholye Seruice of the Loue, and ouer all such as humble them therevnder; a gratious and mercifull God, which knoweth well what wee are l able to do. Hee doth also righte-well see-into and beholde the Heart, what wee thearo will and desire.

l 1.Cor.10.b

24 If

24. If wee then desire in our Youngnes and Weaknes, to lyue ; with whole Heart; in Gods holye Beeinge: and yet notwithstandinge stumble / stagger or fall somtimes, [m] against our will/ So loketh Hee in like-maner ; with gratious Eyes; on our Infirmitie or Weaknes. Yea, Hee hymself hath also [n] Compassion with vs in our Weaknes and Smartes: and beareth ; with Pacience [o] and Longe-sufferinge ; our Synnes: requiringe no more of vs, then wee are able to do.

m Rom.7.b

n Heb.2.b 5.a.

o Rom.2.a

25. SEeinge now then that wee ; in thissame Daye of the Loue; haue obtayned such Grace and Mercye, before the Mosthigheſt / so take then good-heede ; O yee chosen Holyons of God; to thissame [p] gratious Tyme / to the Purginge of your Spirit and [q] Minde, vnder the Obedience of the Loue: and ceasse not to [r] sigh and praye vnto your God / vntill that yee haue sealt and tasted in your Spirit ; with Eyes of pure [ſ] Heartes; the Refreashling from the cleere and vncouered [t] Face of Christ.

G

p Esa.49. 2.Cor.6.a

q Ephe.4.c

r Luk.18.a Rom.12.b

ſ Mat.5.a

t 2.Cor.3.b 4.a

26. WHerfore, when-as now your stumbling and fallinge, becometh daylye figured very great and horrible before you: and that yee forthat-cause ; beeinge wofull of heart ; feele neat [v] the Prickinges of the Synne / the Dartes of the Death / and the Condemnation of the Hell / or beare thesame ; with angwish ; in your Heartes / Yet feare not / nor [x] be dismayed in your Heartes: but shewe-fourth [y] Pacience: and [z] followe-after Christ, in his Sufferinge.

v Oze.13.b 1.Cor.15.f

x Esa.35.a 41.

y Heb.10.d Iam.1.a

z 1.Pet.2.c 4.a.

27. For those are the Dayes [a] of Affliction / Heauynes / and Death / wher-in Christ hath gon before you, in the Holye / for to prepare you ; through the-

a Dan.12.b Mat.24.c

b Rom. 6. a Heb. 9. b

same [b] Death of the Crosse; the euerlastinge Forgeeuenes and Redemption of Synnes: as ther is before saide.

28. In this tyme of your Sufferinge and Angwish, with Christ; for your Synnes cause, geeue your-selues daylye [c] vnto Prayer: (Leaue not of to praye vnto God, vntill that yee, through the holye Spirit of Loue; becom at-peace in your Conscience [d] incorporated with your Spirit and Minde, to the louelie Beeinge of God, and [e] comforted eauenso by God, in the Communialtie of the Loue; in your Heartes:) And let euerynone praye vnto God, [f] in the Spirit; after this maner

c Luk. 11. b 18. Rom. 12. b

d Ephe. 3. b 4. c

e 2. Cor. 1. a

f Iohn. 4. c

The XXI. Chap.

A daylie Prayer, for to praye eauenso vnto God, when one inseeth and knoweth that hee hath synned, or ouerreached hymselfe in any-thinge: and beareth greefe and sorrowe therfore, in his Heart, or is ful-of-heauynes.

A

a EXo. 34. a Psal. 86. 103. 145 b Esa. 1. c 55. a. Ier. 3. b 4. a 31. Ezec. 18. c 33. b Ioel. 2. b c Luk. 18. b d Psal. 51. b

O Lorde God, heauenly Father; O God, full of all [a] Grace, Goodnes, and Mercye; thou which hast promised [b] and assured thy Grace, and Forgeeuenes of Sinnes, vnto all them that, with repentant Heartes, turne them vnto thee, Be now [c] gratious vnto mee, O holy Father, and forgeeue mee my Synnes: purge [d] my Heart from the Iniquitie, and wash-awaye all myne Offences.

e Psal. 31. b

2. O, how wo and [e] sorowfull am I, in my Soule: and how greeuouslie am I streeken and wounded in my Minde, for my Synnes cause!

3. O

3. O God, my Lorde and Father; remember [f] not, I beseech thee, in thy righteous Judgment; the manifolde-sort of my Synnes: but thinke vpon the Grace of thy heartie Mercyfulnes, which thou hast promised and assured to thy Howse of Loue. namely, that thou wilt [g] neuermore withdrawe thy Grace and Mercye from vs, nor from anye of them all, that [h] geeue or submitt themselues vnder the Seruice and Counsell of thy Howse of Loue.

f Psal.79.a

g Psal.89.d Esa.54.a

h Leuit.26.a Deur.28.a

4. Wherfore, O holye Father; seeinge that wee, in these [i] last Dayes; haue founde such Grace, Fauour, and Mercie, which shall endure forcuer; before thine Eyes, that thou wilt [k] not, at anye tyme; world-without-ende, reiect vs, our Sinnes cause: but teach and informe vs, as a gratious [l] Father; with manlie [m] Chastisement, to Amendement: Healp vs thē now, O holie Father; in our Neede and Miserye, when wee call vnto thee, and whilst thy Healpe is daylye needfull vnto vs. For without thy Healpe, wee are able to do nothinge.

B

i Ioel.2.c Act.2.b

k 2.Paral.6.

+ ∧ for

l Pro.3.b Heb.12.b

m Psal.94.b

5. O God, be thou our [n] Fortresse-of-defence, in our Weaknes: and remember, that wee, without thy Powre; are able to do nothinge. For when-as thy mightie Hand, with thy Goodnes; doth not staye vs vp, then are wee all, like vnto a [o] Reede that is moued heere-and-theare with euery Winde: that doth also lightlie bowe and [p] breake, when one leaneth vpon it, or stayeth him theron.

n Psal.91.a 94.

o Luk.7.c

p Esa.36.a

6. And in like-maner, as the Flowers and the Hearbes of the Fielde, doo wither and fade-away: eauenso, O Lorde; is all [q] Fleash, before thy Face. For-that-cause, O God; wee synne verye-much before thee.

q Esa.40.a 1.Pet.1.c Lam.1.b

z Luk.6.d

7. But ; z mercifull Father ; when-as wee turne vs away from the Iniquitie : confesse our Sinnes / and leaue them : and sigh / praye / and crye vnto thee, for thy Fauour and Grace / So receaue wee then f Mercye at thy hande : and thou receaueste vs ; as thy beloued Children ; g into thy Fauour / forgeeuinge all our Offences : h and remembrest no-more our Synnes. But thou remembrest i thy Couenaunt of Grace / that thou hast made with thy Howse of Loue : and thinkest on all thy Loue and k Mercye / which thou hast promised to take-effect ; in these last tymes ; on vs / and on all such as adioyne themselues to thy People Israell [namelie / to the Communialtie of thy Loue] / and l couenaunted to keepe or continew the same for euer.

f Ezec.18.d 33 Ioel.2.c

g Psal.103.b

h Ezec.18.33.

X Esa.54.a 55. Ier.31.d

y 2.Paral.6.

z Esa.54.a Ier.31.d Eze.36.37.c

8. In all this ; thy ; aboundant Grace / Loue / and Mercie / which thou ; O mostholie Father ; art extendinge on vs / Wee acknowledge ; in the Trueth ; that thou art a gratious God toward vs / and a tustifyest / and saueste vs ; through thy Christ ; from the Sinne.

a Act.13.e15.b Ephe.2.b Tit.2.b 3.a

9. DOn all this ; thy ; Goodnes / Loue / and Mercie / and on all that thou ; O holy Father ; haste fore-sayde and promised vnto vs Single-minded b and Littleons ; which are adioyninge ourselues in thy Communialtie of the Holyons / vnder the Obedience of thy Loue ; I will altogether truste or staye myself (O yea ; my God ; on thy Grace.) Thy Goodnes / Loue / and Wisedom / c leade mee in all thy Trueth. Amen.

b Mat.11.c18.a

c Psal.25.a Iohn.16.b

The XXII. Chap.

A common Prayer / for to praye eauenlo vnto God ; in the Spirit ; one for an-other / and to confesse our Sinnes

Sinnes with each-other: and so to seeke all Healp and Comfort at the Lordes hande/when wee/for the Sines cause; are becom sorowful-minded/ and feeble-hearted.

O Lorde / thou almightie God; a Lorde of Heauē and Earth: Thou art the same which alone is righteous: whose Wayes and Judgmētes, are vpright and true. Now / O Lorde; be mindfull of vs: and extende thy Mercye ouer vs. Reuendge thee not on vs, [b] for our Synnes cause: and [c] thinke not once / O God; on our Offences. A

a Psal.19.b Dan.3.c 4.d rob.3.a Apo.15.a b rob.3. c Psal.79.a

2. Wee acknowledge and confesse / O God; that wee haue greeuouslye [d] synned. and not done, that which is right before thyne Eyes. Now / O Lorde God, heauenlye Father; Wee Poore and Miserable, laye vs downe before thee/ [e] to a Foote-stoole for thy Feete: Deale with vs / O God; accordinge to thy Will.

d Dan.9.a e Psal.110.a 1.Cor.15.c

3. O Lorde / let vs [f] finde Grace before thine Eyes / thou Lorde of Lordes; which art / assuredlye; full of all Grace. O Lorde / remember wee beseech thee / that wee / out of our earthlye Birth; are [g] nothinge but Dust: yea nothing but [h] earth and asshes: and must / without thy Spirit; wither as the [i] Grasse of the Field: for ther is no powre by vs.

f rob.3. g Gen.3.b Psal.103.b h Eccli.10.a 18. i Esa.40.a 1.Pet.1.c Iam.1.b

4. Therfore / O God; extend presentlie thy Mercye on thy Hand-worke: [k] teach vs B through thy Lawe or Ordenaunce; thy Will: take-away from vs, the vngodlie Beeinge [l] of the Synne and Death/ and [m] purge our Heartes from the Iniquitie: and strengthen vs in thy Righteousnes. [n] Leade vs / O God; in thy Wayes: and let thy holye Spirit raigne ouer Vs / For otherwise wee are able

k Psa.119.d 143 l Rom.7.c m Psal.51.b n Psal.25.a.27. 119.d.143.b

to do nothinge: O God; before thee.

5. O Lorde / Lorde: thou Most-highest; sanctifie thy o Name / To thend that thy Glorye may becom knowne. For p all Honour / Laude / and Prayse, belongeth to thee onlye: For thou alone art holye.

o Mat. 6.b Luk. 11.a
p Apo. 5.b

6. But vnto vs: O God; ther belongeth nothingels, but all basenes / shame / reproch / and contempt: for wee haue not q loued thee / nor sought thee with heart / nor-yet enquired after Thee / or after thy Wayes: but haue walked r accordinge to our Desyres / and accordinge to the Selfmindednes of our Thoughtes: and are: with our will; so deepe-sonken in the Syñe / that wee: O God; without thy Healpe, can-not becom released.

q Baruch. 1.b 2 Dan. 9.a
r Pfal. 81.b Ier. 18.b 25.35 Baruch. 1.c

7. C Whilst now: O God; that thou hast no[t] pleasure in our Destruction / so call wee: O Lorde; to thee / that thou wilt vouchsafe to strengthen our Minde: and cure vs, of our Miseries. O Lorde / make vs s whole / and bringe vs to-right againe.

Prob. 3.b Ecch. 18.d
s Pfal. 41.a Ier. 17.b

8. O Lorde God, heauenly Father / bringe vs to-right againe. For thou art almightie: O Lorde; which art the v God of all the Worlde: For besides thee, ther is no God more.

v Efa. 43.44.45

9. O God / let vs not x erre any lenger / nor be estranged any farder from thee: but healpe vs: Otherwise wee must perish. O Lorde / y plucke vs to thee: prepare our Heart: and leade vs out of the z Desolation of the horrible Worlde.

X 3. Reg. 22.b Pfal. 119.f Efa. 53.b
y Cant. 1.a
z Mat. 24.b

10. Be mercifull vnto vs: O God; be mercifull vnto vs / and leade vs out of the Destruction. For our Heart calleth to thee.

11. Destroy

11. Destroye vs not ; O God ; [a] with the wicked Nature of Vngodlynes: but [b] chasten and nourter vs ; O most-louing Lorde; with thy [c] fatherlie Disciplyne, accordinge to thy Good-pleasure. For our Heart bydeth-waytinge for thee / O God, for thy Grace. AMEN.

a Psal.26.a.
b Psal.94.b.
c Pro.3.b. Heb.12.b.

The XXIII. Chap.

An other common Prayer / for to praye eauenlo ; out of an humbled Heart ; vnto God / and to seeke Mercie at his Handes/when one in-seeth the Synne, which estraungeth or seperateth the Man from the liuinge God.

O God! How is now in the last time, the noble Vnderstandinge of our Manlie Generation so vtterlie corrupted and marred / that it is become of smaller value, [a] then the Beastes of the Fielde. Yet hast thou neuertheless chosen Vs, to thy holie Vnderstandinge/and created Vs to thine owne [b] Jmage: and also willed, that wee should carye or beare the vpright Beeinge [c] of thy like Godhead, to ỹ Laude and Praise of thy diuine Mateſtie / to thende that wee shoulde eauenso ; O God ; be vnto thee, [d] a Temple and Tabernacle/for thy holie Dwellinge.

A

a Psal.49.b.
b Gen.1.c. Sap.2.c. Eccli.17.a.
c 1.Cor.15.e. Ephe.1.a.4.b. Col.3.a.
d Leui.26.b. 2.Cor.6.b. Apo.21.a.

2. O God! How farre are wee estraunged [e] and blinded from Thatsame / and frō thy vpright Beeinge: and how are wee thus ; in our Disobedience ; becom [f] Resisters and Dispisers of thee.

e Rom.1.b.11. Ephe.4.c.
f Dan.9.a.b.

3. Wee haue turned our [g] backes vnto thee / as Those that knowe thee not: and are becom as Children, that are nourrished-vp by the Straungers

g Esa.59.b. Ier.2.c.32.f.

and

h Exec.16.a.b. and so [h] inflamed-with-loue towardes Them, that they vtterlie dispise or disdaine the Presence of their Elders/ and forget their Fathers Howse.

4. Wee are also (O God; against thee, so farre estraunged frō thy vpright Beeinge/ that wee haue scarcelie anye-more pleasure in Thee. For Thou

i Isa.53.a. art by vs, as the [i] Most-contemned and Dispisedst. Yea wee haue thought so little on thee, that wee haue not esteemed thee (in thy right Degree; for any thinge/ or not made any account at-all of thee.

k 1.Pet.2.c. 5. Yet not-withstandinge thou beareſt [k] our Sinnes/ and hast Compassion on our Smart/ and art our Phisition. For thou cureſt vs of our Mis-

l 1.Reg.2.a. Sap.16.b. deedes/ and makeſt vs whole [l] of ỹ deadlie Woūdes of our Soules.

B 6. O God/ impute [m] not the Sinne vnto vs, for our Ignoraunces cause. Forgeeue

m Psal.32.a. n Luk.23.d. Act.7.g. them also [n] their Misdeedes, which knowe not what they doo.

o Ier.5.a. Baru.1.c. Dan.9.a.b. 7. For whylst that wee the Childzen of Men, knowe not [o] Thee/ nor thy Righteousnes, aright/ nor humble vs obedientlie, vnto the Requiringe of thy Woorde and Seruice of Loue/ So fall wee heere/ then erre wee theare: in-such-wise/ that wee ostentimes, holde not any Measure nor Rule accor-dinge to thy Woorde.

8. Therfore (O God, full of all Grace & Mer-cie; wee crye and pray vnto thee, out of an humble Heart/ that thou wilt not remember our Misdeedes of Ignorauncē/ for to reuenge thesame on vs: but

p Psal.25.a. 79.a. Dani.9.b. thinke vpon Vs accordinge to thy Mercie [p]/ and guyde our Heartes, accordinge to the Requiringe

of

of thy Will/ To thende that wee ; O God ; may be named with thy Holynes, after thy Name • and eauenso liue and walke, in thy Lawes/ Statutes / and Ordinaunces.

9. For through the Seruice of thy Loue, thou makest-knowen presentlie vnto vs ; O our God [q] and Sauiour ; our Errours, which are against thee and thy Ordinaunce : and [r] releassest vs from the wicked Nature of Sinne. from the Arrogantie and Pryde of the Deelyners. and from the Falshod of the contentious Resisters of thy Loue.

q Math.1.c. Ephe.5.c.

r Math.6.b.

10. Seeinge now then ; O lyuinge God ; that the deadlie [s] Iniquitie of those-same, beareth-swaye euerye-wheare / and obtayneth the Prehenninence amonge Manye / So let vs then ; O God ; now in this perillous time, [t] finde Grace before thine Eyes : And accordinge to the Requiringe of thy gratious Woorde, make our Heartes willinge towardes thee / and towardes thy Righteousnes : and [v] leade vs/and our Soule/Mindes/ and Thoughtes/out of the forze-saide Iniquitie/and out of all worldlie [x] Desolation or Confusion : and ; to our Preseruation in thy Godlynes ; purge vs from those-same/ and from all that which is against Thee / and against thy Loue and the Loue of our Neighbour : and create in Vs an vpright [y] Heart/ and a willinge Spirit/ which lusteth not after anye-thinge els, but ; O God ; to doo thy Will.

C

s 4.Esdr.14.b. Math.24.b.

t Dan.9.b.c.

v Math.6.b.

x Math.24.b.

y Psal.51.

AMEN. So be it.

The XXIIII. Chap.

Heere-

Heer-followinge H. M. expresseth a short Conclusion of these Prayers and Exhortations/ which Hee hath taught and setfourth, before his Children/ and the Famelie of Loue.

AYee beloued Children and thou Famelie of Loue: When yee applye you to praye ; one for another / or each-one for himself; vnto the Lorde / so remember to
a 1.Tim.2. praye[a] also ; in such wise ; to the Lorde, for all Men/ and that Hee wolde be mercifull vnto them All/and forgeeue them their Synnes committed through Ignorauncе.

2. And especiallie / remember alwayes in your Prayers, to pray for the Maiestrates and worldlie Rulers : and that the Lorde wolde vouchsafe to endowe them ; in their Gouernment ; with Wisedom and Equitie • and geeue them therin ; to a good Protection of the Simpleones which sinne ignorantlie; a longe Life and good Prosperitie, for to exercise or maintaine Concorde and Peace vpon the Earth : and that yee may cauenso vnder their Pro-
b Sap.6.a. Rom.13.a. tection[b] and good Gouernment, haue your Fourthgoinge and Walkinge, in an vpright peaceable Life.

c Eccli.2.a. Ephe.6.b. Heb.12.a. d 1.Tim.4.b. 3. Against all [c] Temptations which meete you/ holde you alwaies stedfastlie, [d] vnto the godlie Doctrine/which I haue taught and expressed before you, out of the Loue of Jesu Christ.

e Col.3.b. 1.Tess.5.b. Heb.3.b.10.c. 4. Also exhorte [e] one-another, out of Loue/ to be obedient vnto the Requiringe of the-same godlie Doctrine/like as I haue exhorted you out of Loue, vnto thesame Obedience.

f Iohn.13.b. 5. Endeuour you not to enter with [f] vnwasshed Feete,

Feete, into God-his [g] Sanctuarie / which is administred and declared vnto you, from the vncouered Face of God / much-lesse then, in such-sorte to iudge thesame: but [h] feare the Lorde / and becom purged through the Woorde, which is descended vnto vs from Heauen / and whose Requiringe is declared vnto you: and haue a regarde thervnto, [i] vntill that the Daye approch vnto you / and the true Light of thesame Woorde, arise in your Heartes.

g Esa. 52.a. Ezec. 44.

h Eccli. 1.a.b.

i 2. Pet. 1.b.

6. WHosoeuer also is the greatest or oldest amonge you, in the holie Vnderstanding of our godlie Doctrine / Let him ; eauen out of Loue; be your Minister [k], to the Requiringe of the Obedience in thesame Doctrine / like as I ; out of Loue; haue ben your Minister in thesame: and wherin also, I haue taught and setfourth before you / the true Righteousnes, which God accepteth / and serueth the Man vnto Peace. B

k Matth. 20.c. Mark. 10.c. Luk. 22.c.

7. Thus abide by thesame Doctrine: and also by the Peace of Christ / which I haue expressed / brought / and declared vnto you, out of Loue / and haue all [l] Loue / Peace / and Concorde, among eachother: and eauenso cleaue or holde you fast, vnto the true Peace / which Christ hath geeuen vnto vs: and leaft in his Loue.

l Iohn. 13.d. Ephe. 4.a.

8. If yee now doo eauen-thus / so can noman let ether hinder you [m], to liue in the good Beeinge / which is presentlie taught and declared vnto you, out of the true and right Seruice of Loue: and all Vnderstandinges, which loue the Godlynes in Iesu Christ, shall then not choose but acknowledge and approoue, out of your good Conuersation / and out

m 1. Pet. 3.b.

of

of your Loue and Concorde which yee haue one-
n 1 Iohn. 1 3. d. with-another, n that yee are the right Disciples of
the true Christ · and of the right Seruice of Loue.
And yee shall not by any-meanes be seduced / nor
fall with the Declyners from vs, into anie false
Bostinge · ne-yet ; against vs ; into any false Judg-
o Pro. 3. b. mentes nor good-thinkinge ° Knowledges / nether-
Esa. 5. b. yet in any wise seperate you from vs: but shall haue
alwayes a Good-pleasure, to haue your communi-
on with vs.

C 9. And they All which haue their communion
or societie with vs / haue also their communiõ, with
p 1 Iohn. 1 a. All-that p wherwith wee haue our communion. For
our communion, is with God the Father /
with the Lorde Jesus Christ / with the
Holie-goste / and with all God-
his Holyones and celestiall
Goods, in the heauen-
lie Beeinge.

TAKE IT TO HEART.

H. N.

CHARITAS EXTORSIT.

Our Heart, is the Minde of God most-hie.
Our Beeinge amiable, as the sweete Lillie.
Our Faithfulnes/Loue/and Trueth vpright,
Is Gods Light/Life/and Cleernes bright.